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## SNOW HELPS MAKE CHRISTMAS IDEAL FOR OVERSEA FORCE

Holiday Being Observed by U. S. Troops From Trenches to Sea in France.

### PRESENTS FOR ORPHANS

Children Get Gifts Which Are Dispensed From a Huge Tree.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 24.—The whole army zone is taking on Christmas air, whether in the villages where billeted troops are hanging up wreaths of evergreen over barn doorways or along the roads where trucks are passing laden with fresh-cut Christmas trees, or at the army postoffices where long lines of khaki-clad men are eagerly awaiting the distribution of big piles of Christmas mail from the United States.

It is plain that the army's motto is "Christmas comes but once a year." As one soldier said, coming out of a little French confectioner's, loaded down with a box of candied fruit and abig bag of almonds: "We don't give a damn whether the Russians make peace or the German starts his offensive, we are going to have a merry Christmas, anyway."

Even the weather is fulfilling the spirit of the occasion. The ground is covered with snow, the sky is sunny, but the cold is bracing. The soldiers are joshing the French village lagers with predictions that Santa Claus will not visit them. "Look at your chimneys; a fat guy like him can't navigate them." The chimneys hereabouts are slim affairs, all surmounted by a short parol.

War Orphans Entertained.  
The Americans chuckle when they pass these remarks, knowing the surprises in store for the French in the way of Christmas parties. The first of which was given yesterday under the auspices of a certain national guard division in conjunction with the French War Orphans Society. This affair netted \$200 for 100 refugees orphans living in the area which the guardsmen occupy.

The entertainment was in the town hall, French soldiers assisting in the distribution of gifts from a big tree by an American army officer disguised as Santa Claus. There was an auction of programs autographed by Gens. Pershing, Joffre, Castelnau, Foch and other American Generals. All to the great delight of the children, whose faces were lighted up as no Christmas since the opening of the war that beareth them of parents.

Christmas will be a holiday for the American army from the training area to the sea. Our aviators are having a merry Christmas in the big main room of a lumber barrack, decorated with evergreen boughs, holly and mistletoe and with new curtains of tri-colored cretonne bearing martial designs. Here is the only Red Cross canteen where the American troops are stationed. It is already a great success.

"They're awfully cold and hungry when they get through flying. You should see them come in for a real American ham sandwich and a cup of coffee," said a woman in white head dress embroidered with a tiny Red Cross. "We make more than 2000 ham sandwiches a week, to say nothing of quantities of other food. I can't tell you how many we feed, but the number is up in the thousands."

American Women in Charge.  
We were sitting in the cozy main room of one of which were a big American cook stove and a regular American lunch counter, at which cheerful American women and girls waited on ravenous young aviators and mechanics, some having just alighted from the frosty skies.

The presiding genius, a former New Yorker, Irene Given Wilson, explained the plan. "Flying is hard work, involving exposure to cold and wet. We are helping to reduce the sick list by giving the boys good food whenever they want it, when a man gets a bit run down, though not sick enough to go to the hospital, we give him some of the little delicacies he needs. Pretty soon he is all right again. Isn't that so?" she asked, turning to a table full of aviators whose plates were heaped up with steaming food.

"You bet it is so," they answered almost in chorus. "This place is a life saver. It's just like home." Later seven of these budding aviators took us aside and assured us that there was no persiflage about it and the canteen was a great thing. It opens at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and the flying starts and closes at 8:30 in the evening. All this time the women workers are busy making life more cheerful for our aviators.

Besides Irene Given Wilson, two other workers are New Yorkers, the Misses Sophie Berger and Catherine Grath, the latter formerly secretary to Winthrop Ames. The staff also includes the following: Misses Mabel Butler, New Haven; Constance Wheeler, Burlington, Vt.; Dorothy Potter, Chicago; Charlotte Naylor, Washington; Mary Chisholm, Belmont, Wis.; Genevieve Parks, Portland, Ore.

## Pope, in Message to U. S., Asks Children to Pray for Peace

ROME, Dec. 24.—POPE BENEDICT has given to the Associated Press this Christmas message for the American people: "The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take to heart, in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of Christmas—the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self. "More especially he calls upon the little children to whom this day belongs, to pray with all their hearts to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth."

## CHRISTMAS TURKEY PROVIDED FOR U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE

Government Has Supplied Feast and More Than 50,000 Parcels Have Been Landed.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Every American soldier in France is to get his Christmas turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and mince pie. The War Department announces that delayed supplies for some units of the expeditionary forces had arrived safely and that every member of the nation's armed forces at home and abroad would get a complete holiday dinner.

## PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS PLANS

To Spend Day With Family, With Tree for Grandchildren.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas, with a tree for his grandchildren, and surrounded by members of his family. The President and Mrs. Wilson will attend church in the morning and later either he or some member of the family will distribute gifts to about 50 children residing near a country club, where the President plays golf. More than 125 turkeys were distributed to the White House employees today, as gifts from the President. The President and Mrs. Wilson walked through the shopping district shortly before noon today and were greeted with "Merry Christmas" by many in the crowds. The President acknowledged the greetings with smiles.

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## 560 Consecutive Sundays

or more than 10 1/2 years the Post-Dispatch has dominated the St. Louis advertising field.

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The count for Sunday, Dec. 23:

Total Paid Advertising—	198 Cols.
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POST-DISPATCH alone	1,390
Globe-Democrat and Republic combined	1,330
POST-DISPATCH excess over both	60
Men's Apparel Advertising—	1,405
POST-DISPATCH alone	1,015
Globe-Democrat and Republic combined	390
POST-DISPATCH excess over both	1,015
Automobile Advertising—	1,204
POST-DISPATCH alone	1,092
Globe-Democrat and Republic combined	112
POST-DISPATCH excess over both	980
Furniture Advertising—	1,057
POST-DISPATCH alone	800
Globe-Democrat and Republic combined	257
POST-DISPATCH excess over both	543
Musical Advertising—	1,849
POST-DISPATCH alone	2,868
Globe-Democrat and Republic combined	0
POST-DISPATCH excess over both	2,868
Shoe Advertising—	973
POST-DISPATCH alone	280
Globe-Democrat and Republic combined	693
POST-DISPATCH excess over both	693

CIRCULATION  
Average for 11 months, 1917:

Sunday, 360,876 | Daily and Sunday, 193,573

92% weekday in St. Louis and Suburbs.

## WAR CHRISTMAS TO INCLUDE FEAST FOR 16,000 RECRUITS

Holiday Cheer to Be Provided at Barracks and at All City Institutions.

### LIGHTS ON TREE TONIGHT

Chief Celebration in Twelfth Street, However, Will Be at 4 P. M. Saturday.

Sixteen thousand army recruits, who came from 12 states to Jefferson Barracks week before last after enlisting before the restrictions on registered men became effective Dec. 15, are 16,000 reminders to St. Louis that this is a war Christmas.

An unusual feature of the Christmas celebration is the preparation that has been made to provide Christmas cheer for these Santa Claus. In addition to visiting the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival at the Coliseum and distributing gifts to the children assembled there and to the more fortunate children of the city in their homes, will be on hand at Jefferson Barracks, at the Central Y. M. C. A., the Railroad Y. M. C. A. and the Army, where the army recruits are sheltered.

Barracks Decorated.  
Holly wreaths and Christmas trees have been placed throughout the barracks and other quarters occupied by the soldiers, and professional entertainers have been provided by the entertainment committee of the St. Louis War Camp Community Service Board for the amusement of the recruits.

Two separate programs have been arranged for the day, one to be staged at the Barracks and the other in the Army and the Y. M. C. A. Building. The festivities will start with the turkey dinner, provided by the Government, at noon. In the afternoon athletic contests, such as wrestling and tug-of-war, will be held, while the evening entertainment will feature the evening program. Similar gifts will be distributed at the Barracks by Mrs. W. E. Continued on Page 2, Column 6.

## CENSORSHIP OF FOREIGN MAILS PUT IN EFFECT

Branch Offices Operate in New York, Canal Zone, Porto Rico and Elsewhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Censorship of foreign mails, authorized by the trading with the enemy law now in full force under a board on which the Postoffice, War and Navy Departments, the War Trade Board and the Committee on Public Information are represented. Through branch offices at New York, the Panama Canal zone, Porto Rico and such other places as may be necessary, the board plans to carry on the work with as little interference to legitimate correspondence as is possible. The work of organization was begun on Nov. 1 and at the request of the board the news was not published at that time. The Government now has withdrawn its request for secrecy.

The board is in close co-operation with the British and French censorship. It will censor all mail containing foreign mails the present censorship of wireless and cables.

## PRESIDENT CALLS RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD TO CONFERENCE

Will Discuss With Them What Action Is Necessary to Relieve Congestion, It Is Believed.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson has summoned the chiefs and legislative agents of the four railroad brotherhoods to a conference at the White House, Thursday.

It is expected that the President will outline to the representatives of the railroad workers whatever action he has decided is necessary to obtain more efficient transportation in the war crisis.

## "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL," DYER'S GREETING IN COURT

"And Especially to These Newspaper Men: May the Lord Lead Them in Better Ways," Judge Says.

Judge Dyer, in the United States District Court today, delivered a holiday greeting, in which he said: "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everybody, and especially to these newspaper men who have been causing so much trouble around here. May the Lord forgive them and lead them into better ways." The greeting followed a 10-minute talk between Judge Dyer and former Lieutenant-Governor Charles P. Johnson, who appeared as counsel for two Chinese charged with violating the Harrison drug act. As usual, when they meet in court, the Judge and the attorney exchanged reminiscences and compliments.

## COMPULSORY SERVICE DEFEATED BY REFERENDUM IN AUSTRALIA

Result of Election Beyond Doubt on Late Returns: New Government of Labor Party Not Improbable.  
SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 24.—Further returns from the referendum have increased the vote against compulsory military service and the defeat of the plan is now beyond doubt.

The political situation is very uncertain. Premier Hughes has made no statement since the election, but quarters there is evidence of opposition to his continued leadership of the Nationalists, the dominant party. It is not improbable that Frank G. Tudor, a former Cabinet Member, will be persuaded by the Nationalists to form a Government from the Labor party giving this party an opportunity to put into effect its plans for raising troops without conscription.

## FAMOUS MOYNIHAN ESTATE CASE ENDS IN DISMISSAL

Claimant Failed to Perfect Appeal Bond; Many Helms Sought Trunk Handled \$60,000.

The famous Jeremiah Moynihan estate case, which ran in the St. Louis courts for several years, was legally ended Saturday when it was dismissed from the Missouri Supreme Court, because Benjamin Foster Moynihan of Quebec, the contesting claimant, had failed to furnish money to perfect his appeal bond. Many persons claimed kinship with Moynihan, a truck handler, when it was learned that he left an estate valued at \$60,000. Judge Foster, in the Probate Court ruled that Benjamin Foster Moynihan was the legal heir, but this decision was reversed in the Circuit Court by Judge Rausser, in favor of the "Kelleher group" of heirs, all of whom live in Ireland. Benjamin Foster Moynihan appealed from this decision.

## PRICE OF TURKEY ORDERED CUT

Food Committee Fixes 34 to 37 Cents Pound for Best Grade.

The price of turkey on the official fair price list of the United States Food Administration Committee of St. Louis was reduced today by Sam Goddard, a member of the committee. The price of No. 1 grade to the consumer, which was 36 to 38 cents, will now be 34 to 37 cents. The price to the retailer was changed from 34 to 36 cents, to 32 and 34 cents. No. 2 grade, which was priced to the consumer at 30 to 32 cents, will be 28 to 30 cents, while the retailers' price, which was 28 to 30 cents, will be 26 to 28 cents. Dealers were asked to sell, if possible, at the minimum price.

## MOSES FRALEY, 74, DIES AFTER THREE MONTHS' ILLNESS

Probably Was Most Widely Known Jewish Resident of St. Louis.

### ONCE FAILED FOR \$1,000,000

Unable in 1885 to Corner Wheat Market, but Made Good, Every Obligation.

Moses Fraley, probably the most widely known Jewish resident of St. Louis, died today at 8:30 a. m. at his home, 26 Portland place, after an illness of three months from uremic poisoning. He was 74 years old. The funeral will take place from Temple Israel, King's highway and Washington boulevard, at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

For several years Fraley was a prominent figure on the Stock Exchange. In 1885 he failed for \$1,000,000 after an abortive attempt to corner the wheat market, but later paid back every cent of the obligation. In recent years he had been in the life insurance business.

In 1915, Fraley and Mrs. Fraley celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Sadie Stix, widow of Charles A. Stix, and Mrs. Peter Zucker of New York City. Three sons, Edward, Jesse and William, died after reaching manhood.

Came to St. Louis in 1863. Fraley was born in Frederick, Md. He began his business career as the proprietor of a general merchandise store at Parkersburg, W. Va. In 1863 he came to St. Louis and continued in the merchandise business until 1885, when he disposed of his interests and became a banker and broker under the firm name of Donaldson & Fraley. He was also a member of the New York firm of Fraley & Goodhardt.

In 1883 he engaged in the grain commission business as Fraley & Carter. In the next two years some of the biggest deals in grain were conducted by this firm. The large fortune built up by Fraley at this time was wiped out in the wheat crash of 1885, where all his profits and a million dollars more were lost. After going through bankruptcy Fraley spent the next 10 years of his life paying back all that he owed. In 1893 he entered the insurance business.

Leader in Church Activities. Fraley has been a leading figure in Jewish religious and charitable activities. He was the founder of Temple Israel and one of the promoters of the United Jewish Charities and the Jewish Educational Alliance. Sunday religious services, now general in all reform congregations of St. Louis, were introduced by Fraley.

In his younger days Fraley was active in politics. He was a member of the first City Council elected in 1874. Fraley was active and in good health up to three months ago, when he was taken to the Jewish Hospital with kidney trouble. He was removed from there to his home several days ago. On the occasion of his seventieth birthday, Fraley was with him at night, but did not wake until the robbers were fleeing.

Slayer Used "Cat Rifle." Nelson's weapon was a 22-caliber rifle, of the kind generally called a "cat rifle." He was awakened by a noise at a basement window and a few minutes later he heard a familiar knock at the window of the first floor room, where he had been sleeping.

Two heads appeared above the window sill and Nelson opened fire with his rifle. The heads disappeared. He then ran to the window and saw two men jump into a small touring car, which stood near the store. He fired at them as they drove away.

## COLD WAVE AND CLOUDLESS SKY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

THE TEMPERATURES.  
8 a. m. 33 11 a. m. 35  
2 p. m. 37 5 p. m. 35  
Low 42, at 4 p. m.  
Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Much colder tonight and tomorrow, with a cold wave and a temperature of 10 degrees tomorrow morning; tonight colder and tomorrow fair.

At 10 o'clock this morning the wind, which up to that time had been blowing from the south-east, changed to the north-west. The result was that the smoke over the city was driven back and for a few minutes it was almost dark. The atmosphere was comparatively clear in a short time.

## "UNIQUE" MESSAGE FROM LONDON

Papers Say Britain Will Send It to America Christmas Day.  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The London papers announce that a "unique and historic" Christmas message will be sent from Great Britain to the United States on Tuesday.

## Fearful Verdun and Flanders Battles Were Not in Vain, Kaiser Says

Victories in East and in Italy Proved "Lord Our Unconditional and Avowed Ally." He Tells Men at Front.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Emperor William visited the front north of Verdun on Friday, according to a Berlin dispatch, and in an address to the troops, thanked them warmly for their efforts.

"But for the calm and heroic warriors on the western front," he said, "the enormous deployment of German forces in the east and in Italy never would have been possible. The fighter in the west has exposed heroically his body, so that his brothers on the Dvina and the Isonzo might storm from victory to victory. The fearful battles on the bloody hills around Verdun were not in vain; they created new foundations for the conduct of the war."

Helped Forces in East.  
In a speech to the second army, on Saturday, Emperor William said: "It has been a year full of events for the German army and the German fatherland. Powerful blows have been delivered and your comrades in the east have been able to bring about great decisions."

"There has been no man, no officer and no General on the whole eastern front, wherever I have spoken to them, who has not frankly admitted that they could not have accomplished what they had not stood a man."

"The tactical and strategic connection between the battles on the Aisne, in the Champagne, Artois and Flanders, and at Cambrai, and the events in the east and in Italy is so manifest that it is useless to waste words on it."

"With a centralized direction, the German army works in a centralized manner. In order that he should be able to deliver these of-

fensive blows, one portion of the army had to remain on the defensive, hard as this is for the German soldier. Such a defensive battle, however, as has been fought in 1917 is without parallel. A fraction of the German army accepted the heavy task, covering its comrades in the east unconditionally, and it had the entire Anglo-French army against itself."

"Greatest Feat in History."  
"By long preparation, the enemy has collected unheard of technical means and masses of ammunition and guns in order to make his entry into Brussels over your front, as he proudly announced. The enemy has achieved nothing."

"The most gigantic feat ever accomplished by an army, and one without parallel in history, was accomplished by the German army. I don't boast. It is a fact and nothing else. The admiration you have earned shall be your reward and at the same time your pride. Nothing can in any way place in the shade or surpass what you have accomplished, however great and overwhelming it may be."

"Lord Unconditional Ally."  
"The year 1917, with its great battles, has proved that the German people have in the Lord of Creation above an unconditional and avowed ally on whom it can absolutely rely. Without Him, all would have been in vain."

"Every one of you had to exert every nerve to the utmost. I know that every one of you in the unparalleled drumfire did superhuman deeds. The feeling may have been frequently with you:

"If we only had something behind us; if we only had some relief." It came as the result of the blow in the east, where it is seen that the storms of war there are at present silenced. God grant that it may be forever."

## BOY BURGLAR KILLED BY COUNTY GROCE

Youth About 17 Dies on Way to Hospital After Shooting in West Walnut Manor.

An unidentified boy burglar, about 17 years old, was shot and killed at 11 o'clock last night by David Nelson, proprietor of a grocery at 5817 Helen avenue, in West Walnut Manor, St. Louis County. The boy died while being brought to the St. Louis City Hospital.

Two companions escaped in an automobile after Nelson had fired several shots at them. Nelson, who lives at 5604 Hodiamont avenue, bought the car a week ago. Because there had been several attempts to rob it he had been sleeping there since then. His brother-in-law, Joseph Rhodes, was with him last night, but did not wake until the robbers were fleeing.

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## GEN. ALLENBY SENDS HOLIDAY GREETING TO GEN. PERSHING

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Gen. Allenby, Commander in Chief of the British forces in Palestine, has sent the following Christmas greeting to Gen. Pershing:

"British troops in Bethlehem on Christmas eve send to their American comrades a message of greeting and of hope that through the achievement of their common purpose the law of force may yield to the force of law, and peace and good will reign at length on earth."

## FORMER INSTRUCTOR AT SCOTT FIELD IS KILLED

T. Carl Jones, at Belleville Camp Until 2 Weeks Ago, Falls at Lake Charles, La.

T. Carl Jones, who until two weeks ago was an aviation instructor at Scott Field, near Belleville, was killed in a fall at the aviation camp at Lake Charles, La., yesterday at noon. Details of the accident have not been given out by the War Department.

A telegram was sent to his mother at Shreveport, La., informing her that he had been injured and was dying.

Jones entered the aviation service as civilian instructor soon after the United States went into the war and served as an instructor at Memphis before being assigned to Scott Field. He made the first instruction flight at Scott Field, taking up J. Houston Maupin of Gainesville, Tex., on Sept. 11, after making a flight alone.

He made a flight to Springfield, Ill., in connection with the Liberty Loan drive, and with Maj. J. K. Rhinehardt broke the altitude record at the camp on Nov. 16 by rising to a height of 14,000 feet. He made several long flights. Scott Field officers spoke of him today as a very efficient instructor.

Jones might have obtained a commission, but he refrained from applying for one, because as an officer he probably would have had to go to France, and he desired to remain in this country because of his mother, who is said to be an invalid. It is understood that he was her only son.

Auto Passes Store Twice.  
Going into the yard, Nelson found the wounded boy. A bullet had struck his head. He was placed on a Jennings street car and taken to the city limits, where an ambulance had been sent in response to a telephone call. He never regained consciousness.

Neighbors said that while efforts were being made to revive the wounded robber the automobile returned and twice passed the place at high speed, but did not stop. It is believed the robbers returned to look for their wounded companion.

A hammer and a "limmy" were found near the store. The robbers had braced a scuttling against the wall for use as a ladder in reaching the window.

The slain robber had dark hair and brown eyes and wore coat and trousers of brown, with a small yellow stripe.

## ROMANTIC DREAM LEADS TO CHARGE AMERICANS AIDED IN RUSSIAN REVOLT

Col. W. H. Anderson's Hope to Save Rumanian People From Uprising Caused Him to Request Ambulance Cars Be Sent to Rostov.

Bolsheviks Assumed Autos Were for Gen. Kaledines, Although Order of Red Cross Official Was Canceled.

Trotsky Reads Telegrams to Assembly and Demands Statement From Ambassador Francis—Latter Denies Conspiracy Charge.

By ARNO DOSCH-FLEUBOT.  
A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch and New York World. (Copyright, 1917, by Press Pub. Co.)  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23.—Because Col. W. H. Anderson, a Virginia gentleman, who is the head of the American Red Cross mission to Rumania, had the romantic dream of saving the beautiful Queen of Rumania against an uprising of peasants, the United States and all Americans in Russia are placed in the dangerous position of aiding Gen. Kaledines' counter-revolutionary movement in the Don region.

Col. Anderson ordered 75 motor car ambulances, originally consigned to Rumania, directed to Rostov-on-the-Don, the heart of Kaledines' Cossack country, hundreds of miles from Rumania, just when the counter-revolutionary situation was the hottest. The order was sent in Russian to Col. Kolpashnikoff, who bought the cars in America with American money before last February. The cars only recently arrived, but it is difficult to forward them to Rumania because it is necessary to cross Ukraine.

Col. Anderson apparently induced Col. Verblunsky, the Russian attaché to the American Red Cross in Rumania, to send the cars to Rostov. Anderson's idea evidently was to have the cortege pass around the Black Sea and make a rush for Mesopotamia. The idea was too fantastic to carry conviction in Russia, but that is the only explanation of the order.

Was Badly Informed.  
It is possible that Col. Anderson was so badly informed at Jassy that he did not realize that Rostov was the center of the counter-revolutionary activity, but his error, which was sent in cipher to the American embassy at Petrograd, was deciphered and handed to Col. Kolpashnikoff. There is no excuse for the embassy in Petrograd not knowing the situation in the situation who controlling the telegram. Failure to do so caused the whole explosion. Anderson's order needed to be squelched, in fact.

Raymond, head of the American Red Cross in Russia, prevented shipment of the automobiles because he saw the danger, but Kolpashnikoff tried to circumvent him through the embassy. In the end the American embassy and the Red Cross mission in Rostov were exonerated, but as things stand today, America is placed in the light of aiding the counter-revolutionaries.

The people are eager to believe this, because of America's refusal to recognize the Bolshevik Government. This feeling is growing and the government feels no obligation to check it. They cannot believe that the Americans concerned are so childish as the explanation indicates, so the Russians are convinced it was a gigantic plot.

Trotsky Exposes Situation.  
Trotsky, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in exposing the situation at the first meeting of the United Assembly of the radical wings of the Socialist parties with the factory and regimental committees, followed his usual methods. It is the biggest apparent counter-revolution plot yet exposed, and rightly or wrongly, the Americans are in it in the minds of the Russian masses.

The blame rests with Col. Anderson, who was responsible for the telegram ordering the automobiles to Rostov, and with the embassy, which delivered the telegram. Certainly the Bolshevik Government feels indignant on account of the lack of recognition and the increasingly distant attitude of America. At this unhappy moment the Government gets this choice morsel which never is capable of complete explanation because of the innocence known here of Queen Marie of Rumania, who is in a delicate position on so-

## No Regular Editions of the Post-Dispatch Tomorrow

THE Post-Dispatch and the other afternoon newspapers of St. Louis will not print any regular editions tomorrow—Christmas day. If news of sufficient import develops, the Post-Dispatch will announce it in extra editions.







TERMS MEAN SAYS TROTSKY KAISER IS SAID TO WANT A MEETING OF ALL SOVEREIGNS

Says He Will Go to Brest-Litovsk and Try to Arrange a Peace Conference if Agreement With Russians Is Reached.

Petrograd Representatives State Their Terms, Which Are Based on Platform of Workmen and Soldiers.

German Emperor Credited With Saying Everybody Wants Peace and That All States Must Co-operate.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says:

"The Berliner Zeitung says Emperor William has informed his Government that he contemplates going to Brest-Litovsk if the diplomats arrive at an agreement, in which case he will endeavor to assemble all the sovereigns and regents of Europe in a peace conference, as was done after the Napoleonic wars."

"The Emperor is credited with having declared that everybody wants peace and that the future of the world depends on the fact that all states must co-operate in it."

German Delegates at Brest-Litovsk Considering Russian Terms.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—A dispatch received here from Brest-Litovsk, dated Saturday, says:

"The peace negotiations were begun at a solemn sitting. The meeting was attended by the following delegates:

"Germany—Dr. Richard von Kühlmann, Foreign Minister; Herr von Rosenberg, Baron von Hoch, Gen. Hoffmann and Maj. Brinckmann.

"Austria-Hungary—Count Czernin, Foreign Minister; Herr von Merer, Freiherr von Wiser, Count Colloredo, Count Oskay, Field Marshal von Chieres, Lieut. Farny and Maj. von Gluske.

"Bulgaria—Minister Popoff, former Secretary of State, Postmaster General Stoyanovich, Col. Gantjiff and Dr. Anastasoff.

"Turkey—Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Nessim Bey, Ambassador Hakkı, Under Foreign Secretary Hakkı, and Dr. Zeki Pasha.

"Russia—Joffe, Kameneff, Bisenko, Pokrosky, Karaghan Lubinski, Weltman Pawlowich, Admiral Altvater, Gen. Turmori, Col. Rokoff, Col. Zeplett and Capt. Lipsky.

von Kühlmann Chairman.

"Prince Leopold of Bavaria, as Commander in Chief of the German forces in the east, welcomed the delegates, and after an expression of a desire for a satisfactory result, declared the negotiations formally open and proposed Dr. von Kühlmann as the president of the conference. The German Foreign Minister was unanimously elected chairman.

"The most important speech before the delegates was made by Dr. Richard von Kühlmann, the German Foreign Minister. He made a statement to the effect that the purpose of this peace conference is to terminate the war between the central Powers and Russia and re-establish a state of peace and friendship. In view of the situation it will be impossible in the course of these deliberations to prepare an instrument of peace elaborated in its smallest details. What I have in mind is to fix the most important principles and conditions upon which peaceful and neighborly intercourse, especially in the cultural and economic sense, can be speedily resumed and also to decide upon the best means of healing the wounds caused by the war.

"Our negotiations will be guided by this spirit of peaceable humanity and mutual esteem. They must take account of the one hand what has been the historical, in order that we may not lose our footing on the firm ground of facts, but on the other hand, they must be inspired by the great and new leading motive, which has brought us here together.

"It is an auspicious circumstance that the negotiations open within sight of that festival which for centuries past has promised peace on earth, good will to men. I enter upon the negotiations with the desire that our work may make speedy and prosperous progress."

Rules Are Adopted.

"The German Foreign Minister proposed the following rules, which were adopted:

"Questions of precedent will be decided according to the alphabetical order of the represented Powers.

"Preliminary sitting will be held on the 26th inst. in order to discuss one of the five Powers in rotation.

"The following languages may be used in the debate: German, Bulgarian, Russian and Turkish.

"Questions interesting only some of the represented Powers may be discussed separately.

"Official reports of the proceedings will be drafted jointly.

"Dr. von Kühlmann's suggestion that the chief Russian delegate state the principles of the Russian peace program in a long speech, which would be followed by the whole of the well-

A Christmas Cartoon From the Trenches

Drawn by Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather of the British Army in Flanders.



Think of the hundreds of thousands like this boy, many of whom are Americans, when you greet the dawn of the tomorrow.

Bairnsfather Tells of 10 Happy Days Spent With Charming Belgian Family

Three Girls in Home Where He Was Billeted Helped to Make His Stay Memorable ---The Lull Before the Storm.

By CAPT. BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER, Of the British Army in Flanders.

This is the thirteenth installment of Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather's book, "Bullets and Billets," to be published in the Post-Dispatch.

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CHAPTER XXV.

A Pleasant Change—Suzette, Brother and Mother—"La Jeune Fille Fohmche."

ON the next morning we left Baillieu, and the whole of our battalion marched off down one of the roads leading into the country in a westerly direction. The weather was now excellent; so what with a prospect of a rest, fine weather and the departure from the Wulverghem trenches, we were all very merry and bright, and "going strong" all around. It seemed to us if we had come out of some dark wet underground into a bright, wholesome locality, suitable for the habitation of man.

Down the long, straight, dusty road we marched, hop yards and bright-colored fields on either side, here and there passing prosperous-looking farms and estaminets; what a pleasant change it was from that ruined, dismal jungle we had so recently left! About three or four miles out we came to a village; the main road ran right through it, forming its principal street. On either side small lanes ran out at right angles into the different parts of the village. We received the order to halt, and soon learned that this was the place where we were to have our 10 days' rest. A certain amount of billets had been arranged for, but, as is generally the case, the machine gun section have to search around for themselves; an advantage really, as they generally find a better crib this way than if somebody else found it for them. As soon as we were "dismissed" I started off on a billet search. The transport officer was with me, and each searched a different part of the village. The first house I went into was a dismal failure. An old woman of about 84 opened the door about six inches, and said: "Come in, but don't touch anything; the aperture is wide sufficiently to allow me to go inside the house. A most dingy, poky sort of a place, so I cleared off to search for something better. As I crossed the hall I found behind my servant, who had been conducting a search on his own, suddenly appeared round the corner of the large barn at the end of the yard, and came towards me.

His Man Finds a Place.

"I've found a place over 'ere, sir, I expect you'll like."

"Where?" I asked.

"This way, sir," and he led the way across a field to a gate, which we climbed. We then went down a sort of back lane to the village, and turned in at a small wicket gate leading to a row of cottages. He led me up to one in the center and knocked at the door. A woman opened it and I told her what I was looking for. She seemed quite keen for us to go there and asked if there was anyone else to come there with me. I told her the transport officer would be coming there too, and our two servants. She quite agreed to this, and showed me the rooms we could have. They were extremely small, but we decided to have them. "Them," consisted of one bedroom, containing two beds, the size of the room being about 14 by 8, and the front kitchen-sitting-room place, which was used by everybody in the house, and was about twice the size of the bedroom. I went away and found the transport officer, brought him back and showed him the place. He thought it a good spot, so we arranged to fix up there.

That Paramount Cigar

"God save you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay."

May you and Paramount increase. Be yours this Christmas day.—ADV.

Burglaries in 6 Homes Total \$700.

Jewelry, cut glass and clothing valued at about \$700 were stolen by burglars yesterday from the homes of William A. Crowder, 5567 Cates avenue; J. E. Klieck, 5949 Cates avenue; Henry Klein, 3206 Park avenue; Mrs. A. W. Weiser, 1417 Penn. street; John Veneto, 2618 Allen avenue, and Dr. Charles E. Bauer, Grand avenue and Hebert street.

of the best. All six of us now sat about in the kitchen and talked over things in general. We were a very cheery group. The transport officer, doctor and myself were all thoroughly in the mood for enjoying this 10 days' rest. To live amongst ordinary people again, and see the life of even a village, was refreshing to us. We had a pretty easy afternoon, and all had tea in that kitchen, after which I went out and round to look up my old pals in A Company. They had, I found, got hold of the cure's house, the village parson's rectory, in fact. It was a square, plain-looking house, standing very close to the church, and they all seemed very comfortable there. The cure himself and his housekeeper only had three rooms reserved for themselves, the rest being handed over to the officers of A Company. I stayed round there for a bit, having a talk and a smoke, and we each of us remarked in turn, about every five minutes, what a top-hole thing it was that we had got this 10 days' rest.

I then went back to our cottage, where I had a meal with the transport officer, conversing the while with Suzette, Berthe and Marthe. I don't know which I liked the best of these three, they were all so cheery and hospitable. Marthe was the most interesting from the pictorial point of view. She was always called this way, and I found that she was a "Corona Corona" expert, and there he would sit with his feet up on the rail at the side of the stove, smoking one of these zeppelins of a cigar, till we all went to bed.

There was an heir to the estate in that cottage—was Andre, Suzette's son, aged about 5. He went to bed early, and slept with wonderful precision and persistence whilst we were making noise enough to wake the Cure a hundred yards away. But, when we went to bed, this little demon saw fit to wake, and continue a series of noises for several hours. He slept in a small cot alongside Suzette's bed, so it was his job, and not mine, to smack his head. Anyway, we all managed very comfortably and merrily in those billets, and I look back on them very much as an oasis in a six months' desert.

XXVI.

Getting Fit—Caricaturing the Cure—"Dirty Work Ahead"—A Projected Attack—Unlooked for Orders.

MILITARY life during our 10 days was to consist of getting into good training again in all departments. After long spells of trench life, troops get very much

out of strong, efficient marching capabilities, and are also apt to get slack all round. These rests, therefore, come periodically to all at the front, and are, as it were, tonic. If men stayed long enough in trenches, I should say, from my studies in evolution, that their legs would slowly merge into one sort of finlike tail, and their arms into seal-like flippers. In fact, time would convert them into intelligent sea lions, and render them completely in harmony with their natural life.

Our tonic began by being taken, one does after meals, twice daily. In the morning the bacon generally went for a long route march, and in the afternoon practiced military training of various kinds in the fields about the village. My whole time was occupied with machine-gun training. Morning and afternoon my sections and I went off out into the country, and selecting a good vantage bit of land proceeded to go through every phase of machine-gun warfare. We practiced the use of these weapons in woods, open fields, along hedges, etc. It was an inter-

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CLEOPATRA MOVIE LAVISH WASTE OF RICH RESOURCES

Film Criticized as Rehash of Dramas by Shakespeare and John Dryden.

SCENERY IS SPECTACULAR

Production Tends to Dress Rather Than to Scope of Perfect Drama.

By RICHARD L. STOKES.

WHEN a cinema playwright is so fortunate as to have at his disposal a treasury of \$500,000 and a cast of 15,000 persons—and these are the boasts regarding the William Fox presentation of Theda Bara in the latest film enterprise, "Cleopatra"—one surely has a right to expect a monumental work of art, utilizing to the full all of those telling new resources of technique which the photoplay commands and which the spoken drama can never rival.

A painful sense of waste, in the lavishing of rich resources without proportionate results, was experienced at yesterday's first St. Louis showing of the work at the Shubert-Garrick Theater. It proved for the most part a transcription and rehash of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra," together with incidents from John Dryden's "All for Love."

Such variations in plot as the adapter ventured to introduce could nearly always have been accomplished equally well on the theatrical stage, had any dramatist been so unskillful as to employ them. In lieu of the splendors of language in the Roman forum, the Cleopatra of the changes often served merely to degrade the characters and stultify the action. In truth, one could scarcely help wondering whether there is any man alive who really knows how to build drama for the movies, or whether in the big photoplay organizations there is an inkling of the existence of a library of books for teaching the elements of plot construction.

Production Well Dressed.

There can be no quarrel with the external dress of the production, which is sumptuous almost to an unparalleled degree. Such scenes as the Roman forum, the Cleopatra of Alexandria, and the Egyptian desert with the Pyramids and Sphinx, are wonders of pictorial reproduction. There are impressive mass movements, too, as in the return of Cleopatra's army from the desert to the battle in Alexandria—though the latter was rather a struggle of scuffling mobs than the warfare of disciplined Roman troops.

The costumes, likewise, was magnificent and in correctness would not doubt enrapture an antiquarian.

The climax of the work, the sea battle at Actium, had its points of beauty, especially in the burning of Antony's fleet. But it may be doubted whether ancient naval warfare could have been a thing so inert as this. We read in the old histories of tireless maneuvering, feinting, dodging and backing, all in the swift activity. Here we had rather barges laden with braves which

drove against one another and hung there motionless while the crews hacked and smote, someone every few moments being thrown with a splash into the water. These sea fighters were more like their fellows on land.

But scenery and costumes no more constitute a dramatic masterpiece in the movies than they do in the theater. There must be an architecture in the plot, a scientific employment of the stresses and strains of motives. In this respect, "Cleopatra" has little reason for being, after the skillful structures reared by Shakespeare and Dryden from the same materials. They at least were not guilty of placing arches where there was nothing to support, of beginning facades and leaving them hang unfinished in the air.

Cleopatra As Politician.

Cleopatra appears at the beginning as a profound politician, a woman wielding her wiles to obtain dominion through Julius Caesar, whom she urges to claim the crown in Rome so that they may rule together over the world. No doubt this incident has no historical basis, and Caesar was by no means the man to need any such assistance, but it is a device to show him the path of ambition.

But one immediately sensed an artistic motive in the character of Cleopatra which might run through the play, uniting all of its incidents. As she did with Caesar, so might she have wrought with Pompey and Antony, only to meet a fatal repulse at the hands of the cold and calculating Octavius.

But the Egyptian Queen never again appears in this character. Her one aim with Antony is to keep him in such luxuries of pleasure that he will forget the name of Rome, and her motive in this case is not ambition, but passion. Instead of trying her wiles upon Octavius, she even attempts to procure his assassination. She should have been consistently one character or the other; she could not have been both.

Waste of Opportunities.

The most striking waste of opportunities was in the portrayal of Antony, who was so debased that in his final fall he could arouse no sympathy. Shakespeare and Dryden are at great pains to dignify his character, dwelling on his bounty and fidelity to his friends, his magnanimous disposition and the devotedness of his followers, as well as his valorous soldier and great general.

Both poets make his friend—in the case of Dryden, the old friend Ventidius—lay himself rather than obey Antony's command to kill him. This ennobling touch is omitted in the movie version, and Antony remains nothing more than a weakling, an incorrigible rake, who by all means deserves his fate.

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## MEN IN DRAFT URGED TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES

Frank Y. Gladney of Advisory Board in Ward 28 Says Speed Is Necessary.

### HUNDREDS ARE DELAYING

Registrants Warned Lawyers Cannot Care for All on Final Day.

Frank Y. Gladney, member of the legal advisory board in the Twenty-seventh Ward Board, says in a letter to the Post-Dispatch that a lesser number of registrants in the ward have returned questionnaires to the board's quarters as soon as they receive them, it will be almost impossible to help men to answer questions.

Gladney said if a registrant keeps his questionnaire until near the last day before filling it out and returning it, there would be congestion and it would be difficult to advise everyone in such a short time. Gladney's letter follows:

"As a permanent member of the legal advisory board for ward 27, I desire through your columns to explain the great and increasing difficulty the board is having with registrants in the ward. There are in round numbers 4000 questionnaires to be answered and filed within 27 days from Dec. 15. About 200 questionnaires are mailed on each successive business day.

"Registrants are inclined to wait until near the end of the seventh day before attempting to fill out their answers to the questionnaires. The result is that at the end of four or five days there are 500 or 600 men who have the questionnaires in their hands unanswered, and all expect to receive assistance after working hours, which means between 7 and 9:30 p. m. Our experience shows it takes about 40 minutes to fill out each questionnaire.

Sixteen Lawyers Engaged.

"We have 16 lawyers engaged at the task and we cannot possibly use more for lack of space. The registrants neglect the matter all day and then come in impossible numbers at night and have to be sent away with a request to return. Usually they come back the succeeding night only to find a still greater number which

cannot be served.

"Whatever may be the situation in the other wards, it is going to be impossible for our board to give assistance to all registrants who desire it within the allotted time, unless each registrant will come on the day he receives his questionnaire and as many as possible during the hours between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., so as to avoid piling all the work on the evening hours.

Men Blame Employers.

"It is difficult to comprehend the attitude of an employer who will not allow his employee to take off sufficient time during the day to answer and file his questionnaire. Every evening we have many men who say they came at night because their employers will not allow them to take the necessary time off during the day to answer the questions.

"If the employers by any means can be induced to instruct their employees to take time and have the questionnaire completed and filed on the day it is received, then it is possible we may complete the work. On the other hand registrants continue to hold up their questionnaires and come in the evening. I repeat it will be wholly impossible for the necessary assistance to be rendered. Hereafter the board will render assistance first to those who have applied for it most promptly after receiving their questionnaire. If any go unserved, it will be those who have neglected the matter longest and until the last hours of the day."

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Flags Train and Kills Passenger.

RUSTON, La., Dec. 24.—Elmo Causey flagged a Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific passenger train near here, climbed into a coach and shot and killed W. J. Zeigler after dangerously wounding Wiley Takerelev, who intervened. When the train stopped here Causey surrendered to the Sheriff. According to the authorities, Causey objected to Zeigler's relations with a member of his family.

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BAIRNSFATHER TELLS OF VISIT WITH A CHARMING BELGIAN FAMILY

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back at night, one would scarcely imagine that they had been to a cricket match, or on the annual outing.

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it arrived each day for nearly a week, and we drove off gaily to the appointed spot and saturated ourselves in the characteristics of the land we were shortly to attack. In the mornings, before we started, I took the machine-gun sections out into the fields, and by mapping out a similar landscape to the one we were going to attack, I rehearsed the coming tribulation as far as possible. My gunners were a pretty efficient lot, and I was sure they would give a good account of themselves on "der Tag." We practiced bolting across a plowed field, and coming into action, until we could do it in record time. My Sergeant and senior Corporal were both excellent men. The whole battalion were now in excellent trim, and ready for anything that came along. A date had been fixed for the "show," and now, day by day, we were rapidly approaching it. It was Friday, 1 re-

member, when, as we were all sitting in our billets thinking that we were to leave on Sunday, a fresh thunder-bolt arrived. A message was sent round to us all to stand-to and be ready to move off that evening. I fore the appointed day! What could be up now? I was full of enthusiasm and curiosity, but was rather hampered by having been inoculated the day before, and was feeling a bit quaint in consequence. However, I pulled myself together, and set about collecting all the machine gunners, guns and accessories. We said good-by to the fair ones at the billets, and by about 5 o'clock in the evening, the whole battalion, transport and all, was lined up on the main road. Soon we moved off. Why were we going before our time? Where were we going to? Nobody knew except the Colonel, but it was not long before we knew as well.

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### CALE-TULLY WEDDING TOMORROW EVENING

Bridegroom-to-Be Reaches St. Louis on Short Leave of Absence—Ceremony at Home.

**T**HE wedding of Miss Emily Cale and Capt. James Kivas Tully will be quietly celebrated tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, with the Rev. Dr. Z. B. T. Phillips officiating. Only relatives and intimate friends will be present. Mrs. Grandison Royster will be matron of honor, but the other attendants have not been decided upon, as the plans for the wedding have been hastily arranged on account of Capt. Tully being able to obtain only a short leave of absence. He arrived in St. Louis this morning.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Cale Jr. of 12 Lenox place. She was graduated from Mary Institute in 1910, and thereafter spent the greater part of her time in travel. She made her debut four years ago. Capt. Tully is the son of the late Kivas K. Tully and Mrs. Tully of St. Louis, and is a West Point graduate.

This evening will mark the formal presentation to society of two of the season's most attractive bachelors, Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Gordon of 1 Lenox place and Mr. and Mrs. John Burton Kennard of 4960 Berlin avenue will give a dinner-dance at the Bellerive Country Club for their daughters, Miss Mary Randolph Gordon and Miss Elizabeth Shapleigh Kennard. The club house will be decorated with Christmas holly, mistletoe and evergreens with tiny Christmas trees on the tables and interspersed among the guests.

The invited guests are Misses Harriet Price, Juliet Reyburn, Lucile Capen, Delancey Floyd-Jones, Evelyn Guy, Marjorie Scott, Lucile Benoit, Doris Drummond, Marion Bridge, Jane Bemis, Anne Block, Nancy Chase, Julia Papin, Margaret Nichols, Caroline Tyler, Marian Gratz, Eleanor Knapp, Georgia Zeibig, Jane Wight, Marie Church, Matilda Overton, Jane Shapleigh, Edith Whittemore and Nancy Bates. Messrs. Robert Cushman, Harry Wilson, Whitelaw Terry, Peyton Carr, Edward Gardner, Tom Reyburn, Thurston Farrar, George McBeth, R. B. Whittemore, Vernon Knapp, Ted Fowler, Fred Pittman, Marsh Pittman, Clarence King, Landon McCandless, Tom Niedringhaus, Field Goltra, Lannan Benoit, Morgan Nugent, Silas McKinley, Ted Guy, Harry Gore, Gardner Jarvis, John Furlish, Joe Werner and his guest, Tom Thach and Sam Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Peters of 6245 Westminster place have issued invitations to a dance to be given at their home on Thursday evening in honor of their niece, Miss Lucille Brady Goessling. During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Peters will have as their guests their son, Oliver F. Peters of Welsch, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Bradeby of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. William F. Saportas arrived in the city Saturday from Honolulu and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Link of 5356 Vernon avenue. Mrs. Saportas will probably join her husband later at Fort Sill, where he has been ordered. Mrs. Saportas was Mrs. Frances Cabanne Scovel before her marriage last September in Honolulu.

**THINK OF 10,000 HAPPY LITTLE FACES** at the Coliseum on Christmas day who will thank you with their smiles for your contribution to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. Please send in your contribution if you have not already done so. The bills will be paid Jan. 10.

**Driver and Food for Poor Vanish.** Walter R. Tubbs, financial secretary of the Provident Association, told the police that a chauffeur who was employed to deliver a truck load with 25 boxes of food for destitute families yesterday disappeared with the load.

**The New Type of Investor.** War-time thrift campaigns have aroused the investing instinct of thousands upon thousands. Men and women who seldom before experienced the joy of clipping coupons are now putting their surplus money to work. The best meeting ground for them and the institutions with investments to offer will be found in next Sunday's Post-Dispatch—the Annual Financial Review.

### Body Is Found in Cinder Dump.

The body of an unidentified man was found on a cinder dump at the foot of Angelrodt street yesterday afternoon. The dump was at the

bottom of a 40-foot ravine formed by cinders. The man appeared to be about 65 years old and had gray hair. He wore a gray sweater, blue cap and black trousers. There were no marks of violence on the body.

**GREETINGS to OUR FRIENDS**  
 All That the Name "GRAND" Signifies  
 Bomont 558-559. Central 552.

**GRAND LAUNDRY AND CLEANING CO.**  
 Launderers—Dyers—Dry Cleaners

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS. **FALSTAFF CAFE, 11 N. 6th St.**

### WEAK KIDNEYS MEAN A WEAK BODY

When you're fifty, your body begins to creak a little at the hinges. Motion is more slow and deliberate. "Not so young as I used to be" is a frequent and unwelcome thought. Certain bodily functions upon which good health and good spirits so much depend are impaired. The weak spot is generally the bladder. Unpleasant symptoms show themselves. Painful and annoying complications in other organs arise. This is particularly true with elderly people. If you only know how, this trouble can be obviated.

For over 200 years GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil has been relieving the inconvenience and pain due to advancing years. It is a standard, old-time home remedy, and needs no introduction. It is now put up in odorless, tasteless capsules. These are

easier and more pleasant to take than the oil in bottles. Each capsule contains about one dose or five drops. Take them just like you would any pill, with a small swallow of water. They soak into the system and throw off the poisons which are making you old before your time. They will quickly relieve those stiffened joints, that backache, rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica, gallstones, gravel, "brick-dust," etc. They are an effective remedy for all diseases of the bladder, kidney, liver, stomach and allied organs.

Go to your druggist today and get a box of GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. Money refunded if they do not help you. Three sizes GOLD MEDAL are the pure, original imported Haarlem Oil Capsules. Accept no substitutes.—ADV.



Do you know why Blanton Creamo is so much better than the ordinary butter, even though it costs less? Creamo is churned in pasteurized cream under Government supervision.

The best dealer in your neighborhood has the Creamo Agency. If you don't know him, phone Main 4345—Central 2058, or write the Blanton Company, 2d and Spruce.



Always Sold in This Germ and Dust-Proof Package.

The Sunday Post-Dispatch has over ONE-HALF MILLION more readers than any other newspaper west of the Mississippi. "First in Everything."



## A Message for You!

Look at this diagram! The peak jutting out between the hours of nine and ten o'clock every morning, points to the high tide of telephone traffic—the busiest hour for the operators.

600,000 originating calls are made daily over the telephone lines of this city.

50,000 of these are crowded into the hour between nine and ten o'clock in the morning. And these 50,000 calls form the "peak load."

Our switchboards must be large enough and the operating force so adjusted as to handle the "peak load" traffic.

If we lighten that load—if we pound down the "peak"—and develop a more even flow of traffic, it will mean better service for all.

It will mean, too, that we will be able to release to the Government much needed additional equipment for war work. Already a vast amount of equipment has been diverted to the Nation's use in cantonments and mobilization camps. But the Government will need more.

You can help by relieving the strain on telephone service in St. Louis. You can do that—

- By avoiding unnecessary calls
- By calling, as far as possible, during the less busy hours
- By making your telephone talks brief
- By avoiding wrong-number calling
- By answering your telephone promptly

Help us to lighten the "peak load," and in the end you will help the Government and your own telephone service.



**Southwestern Bell Telephone Company**



## MAN FIRED ON IN COFFEE HOUSE

Poker Player Had Said He Had Been Swindled.

Sam Ringo, sleeping at the Hippodrome Hotel, Sixth and Walnut streets, complained to the police yesterday that he had been swindled out of \$25 at a game of poker in which he said marked cards had been used. He said the game was played in a Greek coffee house near Sixth and Walnut.

Several hours later policemen were attracted by shots to the coffee house conducted by William Sepus at 515 Walnut street. Sepus said that a man he knew as Sam Ringo had fired at him. Ringo could not be found.

## BELL

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Closes

Wednesday,  
January 2d,  
5 P. M.



## Through Service to LOUISVILLE

PULLMAN DRAWING-ROOM SLEEPER

DAILY

Leaves St. Louis.....9:30 P. M.

Arrives Louisville.....7:30 A. M.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICE

Lv. St. Louis.....9:00 a. m. 11:30 a. m.

Ar. Louisville.....11:55 a. m. 6:05 p. m. 9:35 p. m.

## Louisville Terminal,

7th and River

Convenient to Hotel and Business District

TICKET OFFICE: 316 N. BROADWAY

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F. D. GILDERSLEEVE,

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ARE CURVE CUT TO FIT THE NECK AND SHOULDERS.

## MELSHEIMER'S

BEST PLACE TO EAT

Opposite Statler Hotel

DINING ROOM OPENS

XMAS DAY AT 5 P. M.

Special Steak Dinner,

\$1.00

## St. Louis Butcher Rejoices Over Wife's Recovery

"My wife suffered for five years and practically lived on toast and hot water. Doctors said she would have to be operated for gall stones. A lady advised her to try Maw's Wonderful Remedy, and after taking a bottle over ten years ago, she has been entirely well ever since. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract, and cures the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Judge & Delph 3 Stores, Wall-Wilson Drug Co., Johnson Bros. Drug Co., Enderle Drug Co., Pauler Drug Co., Cloughly & Koenenbrink, Cloughly Bros., Cloughly-Breier, Cloughly-Breier, Drug Stores, Delph 3 Stores, Wall-Wilson—ADV.

**BELL-ANS**  
Absolutely Removes  
Indigestion. Druggists  
refund money if it fails. 25c

## JOHNNY PROCURES HIS WEAPON, WINS LAUGHS

Louis Bannison, a Very Amusing Cowboy With Oldtime Stage Briton as Foil.

BY CARLOS F. HURD.

"HOW do you do?" was the greeting of one of the smartly dressed women in "Johnny, Get Your Gun," as Johnny Wiggins was introduced to her. "I've always longed to meet a real live cowboy."

"I'm a live one," Johnny responded. In saying which, Louis Bannison, in the role of Johnny, was uttering no idle boast. He is a live one, and he kept the spirit of amusement so thoroughly alive in last night's good-sized audience at the Jefferson Theater that laughter was almost continuous while he was on the stage.

Picture Douglas Fairbanks, his stature increased and his features very much improved, transferred from the movies to the talkies, and you have the measure of Bannison's ability as an entertainer. The standard comedy formula puts an Englishman, preferably one of the nobility, opposite a cowboy, and this formula has been faithfully followed in this play, with Echlin Gayer as the monocled Duke of No Moor.

The Stage Briton.

Doubtless someone will rise up and remind us that the stage Englishman, the chap whom actors like Lawrence d'Orsay and the Grossmiths have pictured to us in bygone years, is a back number. The British are our brothers in arms, and the higher an Englishman's rank is, the busier he is now likely to be, straining Fritz in Flanders. And our national army will contain many a cowboy who will be glad to take lessons in bombing and dugout building from some little-bearer who, in other surroundings, might seem to him to be best suited to solo dancing, amid the patter of bullets on a barroom floor.

Probably the silly-ass stage Englishman ought to go, and will have to go, the way that the green-whiskered stage Irishman has gone. But let's suspend sentence until everyone has had a chance to see this play and to hear the Duke catechized by Johnny as to the functions of the leisure classes. The Duke's explanation so depresses Johnny that he sings "Oh, Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie, Where the Wild Coyotes Howl."

Johnny is pretending to be his friend Bill, and has gone East to represent the said William in settling up the affairs of William's sister, and to keep her from marrying the Duke. One way would be to have the masquerading Johnny win Bill's sister for himself. But in this respect the obvious has been avoided, and it is a housemaid whom Johnny finally takes West as his bride and prospective leading lady in the films.

Custard Pie Registers.

There is a prologue, in a California movie studio, which serves chiefly to introduce Johnny, and to demonstrate that a custard pie, neatly and completely superimposed upon the human face, will get just as many laughs in a \$1.50 audience as in a 10-cent one. This prologue has a lively finish, but act two outdoes it, when the Duke, lashed by the resourceful Johnny, is dragged behind the cowboy's triumphal car in a manner that causes him to make large demands on the supply of liniment in his fiancée's household. The untamed West breaks out again, in extravagant gun play, in the last act.

Edith Lyle, who is very pretty, had the indefensible role of the girl who insisted that she was going to marry the Duke because her father had told her never to break a promise. It seemed that her chief promise had been to herself, to annex the Duke's coronet at all costs. Just why she should have been surprised at finding out that the Duke was after her money was not clear. Vera Finlay, as a very blonde and very businesslike speculator in international marriages; Roy Cochrane as a servant and Carl Massey as a movie director in the prologue, were excellent players.

A note in the program says, "All male members of this company have offered their services to their respective Governments and are now awaiting the call to service." In Gayer's case, presumably, the call will come from "George King," as the heroine of "The Willow Tree" called England's ruler.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to make yourself happy for a whole year by contributing your nickel, dime, quarter or whatever you desire to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. The bills will be paid Jan. 10.

## BOY FALLS 25 FEET; UNHURT

Charles Ifrig, 4-year-old son of A. B. Ifrig, St. Peters, Mo., fell from a window of his home to the ground, a distance of 25 feet, with a butcher knife in his hand, and was unhurt. He was sitting in the window watching his parents decorate a Christmas tree.

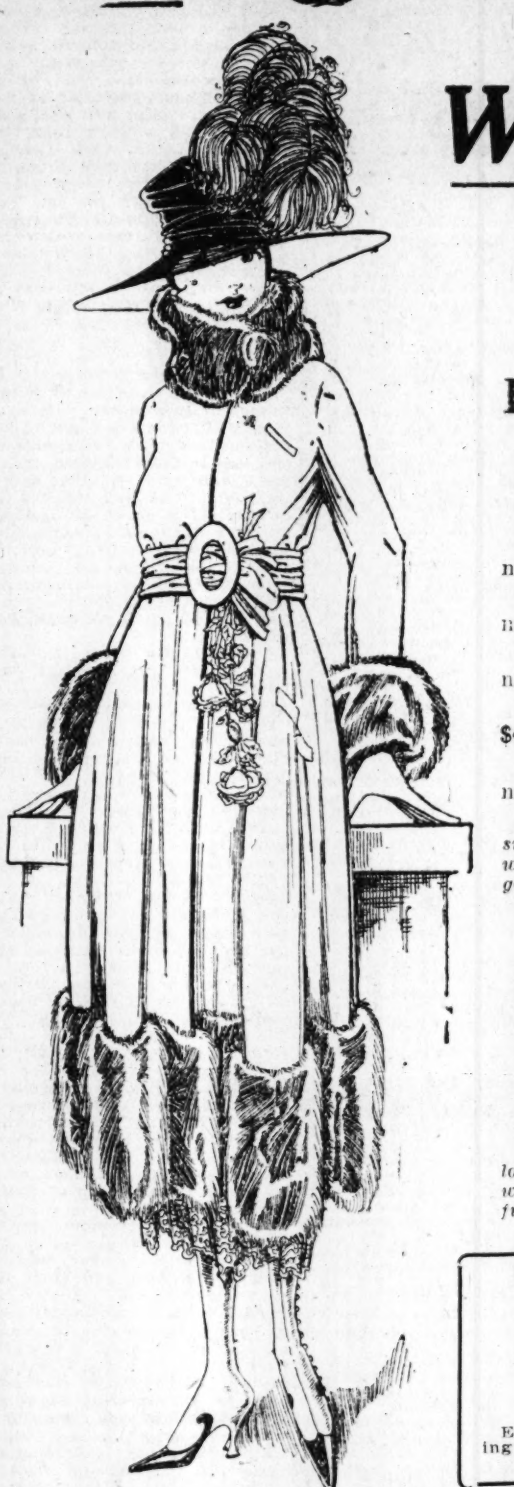
When Ifrig ran outside the boy asked, "Papa, must I die now?" An examination disclosed no injuries. The knife had dropped out of his hand as he fell.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Gayer's address is on each box. 30c—ADV.

Killed by Fall Down Three Steps.  
George Eckert, 43 years old, of 5821 Thrush avenue, was killed by a fall down a flight of three steps, at his home at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. His skull was fractured.

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT FOR GIFTS  
A magnificent and complete stock of fine diamonds in artistic mountings, all styles and sizes. Loftis Bros. & Co., 209 N. Sixth st. Open evening—ADV.

## We Sell Butterick Patterns



## Our Great After-Xmas Sale of Women's Outer Apparel Begins WEDNESDAY—The Day After Xmas

The Event Women Have Eagerly Waited For—Thousands of Women's and Misses' Coats, Suits and Dresses to Be Disposed of at Less Than Cost

Buy Now at These Prices for Future Use, as These Savings Will Never Occur Again

## Women's Coats

28 Coats, formerly \$15.00,	\$11.95
36 Coats, formerly \$19.50,	\$13.45
35 Coats, formerly \$19.50,	\$15.65
37 Coats, formerly \$25.00 up to \$45.00, now	\$17.50
15 Coats, formerly \$25.00,	\$19.75

Choice Coats of fine pompons, velours, broadcloths, silver-tones, burellas, kerseys, mixtures; all the most wanted shades; fur, plush and keram trimmings—in a good range of sizes, 36 to 44.

## Misses' Coats

11 Coats, formerly \$15.00, now	\$13.45
11 Coats, formerly \$19.50, now	\$15.65
31 Coats reduced to	\$24.65
32 Coats reduced to	\$28.95
15 Coats reduced to	\$34.65

Handsome Coats of Bolivias, plushes, kerseys, velours, broadcloths, in high waisted and youthful models, with collars that button up high to the neck. Many fur trimmed. All the newest colors. Sizes 11, 16, 18.

## Women's Crepe de Chine BLOUSES

Now \$2.55

Excellent quality crepe de chine, untrimmed and pin tucks, in white and fice. Sizes 16 to 44. (Second Floor.)

## Women's Suits

18 Suits, formerly \$16.75,	\$9.75
72 Suits, formerly \$19.50 up to \$35.00, now	\$13.75
30 Suits, formerly \$35.00 and \$39.50, now	\$22.75
25 Suits, formerly \$45.00, now	\$29.75

Stunning Suits of fine velours, poplins, serges, silver-tones, broadcloths, burellas, gabardines, chevots and fancies—all high-class suits; many fur trimmed; all the newest colorings. Regular and extra sizes.

## Misses' Suits

17 Suits, formerly \$16.75, now	\$9.75
25 Suits, formerly \$19.50, now	\$13.75
9 Suits, formerly \$29.50, now	\$22.75
2 Suits, formerly \$24.50, now	\$22.75
12 Suits, formerly \$35.00, now	\$22.75
17 Suits, formerly \$45.00, now	\$29.75

Elegant Suits of fine velours, Oxford, serges, broadcloths, burellas, in a host of late styles; many fur trimmed collars and cuffs. Colors are desirable. Sizes 11, 16 and 18.

## Women's Dresses

52 Dresses, formerly \$14.75,	\$8.75
43 Dresses, formerly \$19.75,	\$10.95
63 Dresses, formerly \$24.75 and \$29.75, now	\$12.95
16 Dresses, formerly \$30.00 to \$45.00, now	\$17.50

In these groups you will find elegant serges, satins, crepe de chine, covets, taffetas, velours, velvets, charmeuse and combinations, all new colors. Regular and extra sizes are included.

## Misses' Dresses

15 Dresses, formerly \$14.75, now	\$8.75
25 Dresses, formerly \$19.75, now	\$12.95
10 Dresses, formerly \$19.75, now	\$16.50
18 Dresses, formerly \$24.75, now	\$16.50
11 Dresses, formerly \$29.75, now	\$24.75
12 Dresses, formerly \$35.00, now	\$24.75
3 Dresses, formerly \$45.00, now	\$24.75

Charming models brimful of youthful charm—fine silks and serges and various combinations, beautifully trimmed and embroidered; all the newest colorings. Sizes 11, 16 and 18. (Second Floor.)

## Girls' Warm Coats

\$7.95

Warm Winter Coats in zibelines, corduroys, chevots and mixtures; lined throughout; velvet-trimmed collars. Pockets and belts; sizes 6 to 14. (Second Floor.)

## Our Xmas Silk Sale

Continues With Great Saving Opportunities

SILKS—from the Morris Wolf & Co., Chicago—one of America's foremost silk converters—their surplus stock and cancellations—at prices almost unheard of.

Come—and Share in the Savings

## After Xmas Sale of Millinery

Beautiful Dress, Street and Tailored Hats Have Been Lowered in Price in Order to Make a Quick Disposal.

Hats, formerly \$2.50, now	\$1.00
Hats, formerly \$5.00, now	\$2.95
Hats, formerly \$7.50, now	\$5.00

The assortments are so diversified that no woman or miss will have any difficulty in choosing a shape or style that will prove becoming—you'll find draped turbans of silk that will prove becoming—Many fur trimmed, others adorned with wings, fancy feathers. Every fashionable color will be found. Second Floor

## A Sale of Women's Apparel

In the Women's Downstairs Store

Coats, Suits and

Dresses

\$10 Savings of \$5 and \$10 on every garment.

## The Coats—

You will find every new style of the season, such as large collars, button trimmings, etc. All late winter coatings. Sizes 16 to 44.

## The Suits—

The styles are beautiful and most wanted—such as belted models, large collars, button trimmings. The materials—velours, poplins, gabardines. All shades. Sizes 16 to 44.

## The Dresses—

Charming models of serges and satins and megalines, embroidered and braid trimmed. Numerous models to select from. All shades of the season. Sizes 16 to 44. (Downstairs.)



## Great Purchase and Sale of SUITS and OVERCOATS

We ask our men patrons to read carefully when we announce such a sale as this, as it does not take an expert in the clothing business today to know that wool and garments made of wool are very scarce.

## SALE PRICE

\$16.50

Our Clothing Chief was determined to repeat our great sale of a year ago, and after a journey through the markets of Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, he finally succeeded in securing the surplus stock of one of the best-known manufacturers of men's clothing in Rochester, N. Y.

His first offers were laughed at, but finally, upon the strength of past business relations and future prospects, succeeded in securing a wonderful lot of Men's Clothing.

To be exact, there are about 300 Overcoats and about 600 Suits.

We never dreamed such garments were still to be procured at the price, and we will sell them as we have bought them, giving our patrons the advantage of a saving of at least \$5.00 to \$10.00 on a garment.

All fresh, new merchandise, and sizes to fit all men.

Men who wish to save money will be here Wednesday bright and early.

## The Suits

Come in fine soft blue serge, small silk mixtures, shadow striped worsteds, fine cassimeres, light weight Meltons, chevots and Scotch tweeds. Models are the latest—belt all around, conservative. Sizes 33 to 46 chest measurements. Stout men and slim men can be fitted as well.

## The Overcoats

Include belt all around, long ulsters in neat colorings, also conservative models in black and blue kersey and neat mixtures; velvet and self collar. Highest class workmanship. All sizes 33 to 48.

B. NUGENT & BRO., D. G. CO., Broadway, Washington Av. and St. Charles St.



(Third Floor.)











FAMOUS AND BARR CO.

This Store Will Be Closed All Day Tuesday

Merry, Merry Christmas to All!

FAMOUS AND BARR CO.

On Wednesday Morning, Punctually at 8:30, Famous-Barr Co. Begins Its

# After-Xmas Apparel Sale

An Occasion of Uppermost Importance, Offering This Season's Choicest Outergarments for Women and Misses at Fractional Prices

New Store Hours Beginning Wednesday, 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.; Saturday till 6.

¶ An event that always attracts immense crowds because of the wonderful savings it presents. Grouped for rapid choosing are hundreds upon hundreds of fashionable Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts and Furs; the products of America's most gifted designers—all up to the minute in style. Those who

were remembered with money for gifts will exercise splendid judgment by investing it during this sale, while the advantages are so pronounced. All sales final—no approvals, no C. O. D.'s, no exchanges, no returns for credit.

Charge Purchases during the balance of this month appear on Jan. statements, payable in Feb.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally to \$59.75

### \$33.00

¶ Seldom have such garments been offered at this price. Only one or two of a kind in some cases—most wantable materials, favored styles. All sizes somewhere in the lot.

## Costume Salon Offers 30 Stunning Wraps 1/3 and 1/2 Off

¶ Afternoon Coats and Evening Wraps of the richest imaginable sorts, comprising all the popular wool fabrics, often gorgeously fur trimmed. At 1/3 and 1/2 off.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally up to \$18.00

### In This Sale \$11

¶ Only 75 Coats in all, but they are all of the most practical sort, including velours, chevrons, boucles and zibelines, in all the best-liked styles of the season.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally to \$35.00

### In This Sale \$21

¶ Coats for all occasions, including excellently tailored garments for afternoons. Pompons, broadcloths and others, beautifully lined. All sizes for all types.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally to \$75

### In This Sale \$41.50

¶ Lovely dressy garments of pompon cloth, crystal cloth, silverstone and the finer velours, plushes and velveteens—masterfully trimmed.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally to \$100

### In This Sale \$57.50

¶ Big, roomy Coats, light weight, but very warm and comfortable in the severest weather, and "ultra" in every sense of the word. Many magnificently fur-trimmed. Handsome plushes included.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally to \$29.75

### In This Sale \$16.00

¶ Good Coats for matrons, particularly, and others for the more youthful figure. Broadcloths, velours, silvertips.

## Women's and Misses' COATS

Originally to \$45

### In This Sale \$27.50

¶ A large variety awaits you in this group—comprising everything that's fashionable from broadcloth to pompon; mostly lined in silks or satins; best shades.

## Choice of Our Entire Stock of Women's and Misses' SUITS

(Except French Room Suits)

### \$25 and \$35

¶ Several hundred garments, the season's very best models, including beautiful fur-trimmed garments originally selling for much more than the sale price. Serge, Gabardine, Velour, Broadcloth, Burella, Velveteen and Silver-tone Cloth.

## Women's and Misses' SUITS

Originally to \$35.00

### In This Sale \$15.00

¶ Adroitly tailored garments, with those splendid lines that distinguish our better Suits. A wonderful saving, no matter what suit you buy.

## Women's and Misses' SKIRTS

Originally to \$12.50

### In This Sale \$5.00

¶ Draped, gathered, plaited and plain tailored models of Silks and Woolens. All splendid style.

## Women's and Misses' SKIRTS

Originally to \$25.00

### In This Sale \$7.50

¶ Many novelties here, Serge, Gabardine, Poplin, Satin and Taffeta—one or two of a kind. Quantity very limited. Earliest choosing is urged.

## Women's and Misses' SUITS

Originally to \$39.75

### In This Sale \$18.00

¶ A trifle more elaborate in fashion than those in the \$15.00 group, but none the less practical. All the desirable Winter weaves, many in models that will be "good" for Spring.

## Women's Extra Size SUITS

Originally to \$55.00

### In This Sale \$25.00

¶ An exceptional opportunity for the woman requiring an extra or odd size suit. Gabardine, Broadcloth, Silver-tone, etc. Sizes to 32 bust.

## FUR SETS

Originally to \$22.50

### In This Sale \$15.00

¶ Australian Raccoon, Opossum, Muskrat, Black and Kit Coney and Marmot Sets, consisting of muff and flat or animal scarfs.

## Women's and Misses' Frocks

Originally to \$37.50

### In This Sale \$21.00

¶ Fascinating modes developed in Satin, Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, and Serge—also combinations of the most delightful sort.

## Women's and Misses' Frocks

Originally to \$24.75

### In This Sale \$14.00

¶ Smartly styled Serges, in the popular tailored effects; Silks for afternoon occasions and some charming combinations. Most remarkable values.

## Fur Sets

Originally to \$37.50

### In This Sale \$25.00

¶ Capes, Throws and Stoles, Animal Scarfs, including Single Animal Muffs, in barrel and canteen styles.

## Fur Sets

Originally to \$69.75

### In This Sale \$50.00

¶ Novelty effects in Mink, Hudson Seal, Kolinsky Jap, Beaver, Skunk, Red Fox, Taupe Fox, Mole.

## Women's and Misses' FROCKS

(From the Costume Salon)

Originally to \$75.00

### \$29.50

¶ This group offers many exquisite individual models for street, afternoon and formal dinner wear—all with that rare exclusiveness that distinguishes all our Costume Salon apparel.

## Costume Salon Offers Fine Gowns

Originally to \$125.00

### In This Sale \$38.50

¶ Most beautiful of frocks for theater and restaurant wear. Silks, gold and silver laces, tulle and ribbon, charmingly wrought.

## Women's and Misses' FROCKS

Originally to \$17.50

### In This Sale \$9.00

¶ Just 100 Frocks—all new, charming and all values of the keenest sort. Crepe de chine, satins and serges, braided or embroidered; mostly blue and black.

## FUR SETS

Originally to \$150.00

### In This Sale \$100.00

¶ Furs of the finer grades, such as reflect the very highest skill in matching, dyeing and modeling. Red fox, taupe fox, black fox, lynx, skunk, mink, mole, ermine, Hudson seal and others.

## AFTER-XMAS SILK SALE!

In Which Thousands of Yards of the Most Desired Silks Are Offered Far Below Their True Worth.

¶ Year after year this sale, which had its origin here, means more and more to the people of St. Louis. Thousands rely on it to supply their needs for months and months ahead. Deep into our stocks goes the price-cutting shears, and we're ready tomorrow for the biggest crowds in our history. No Mail or Phone Orders Accepted.

**\$1.50 to \$2.00 Silks, \$1.39 Yd. \$2.50 to \$3.50 Silks, \$2.19 Yd.**

**\$1.39 Yd.**

1.85 36-Inch Heavy White Wash Silk  
2.00 40-Inch Printed Fleur de Jettette  
1.75 40-Inch Plain Georgette Crepe...  
2.00 40-Inch Black Satin Charmeuse...  
1.75 36-Inch Pretty Plaid Taffeta...  
1.75 36-In. Fancy Satin Striped Taffeta  
1.75 36-In. Light Colored Chiffon Taffeta  
1.98 36-In. Satin and Taffeta Stripes...  
1.75 40-In. Plain Crepe de Chine...  
1.98 40-Inch Navy and Marine Blue Poplin  
1.89 36-Inch Black Chiffon Taffeta...  
2.00 40-Inch Plain Colored Charmeuse  
1.50 36-Inch Colored Chiffon Taffeta...  
1.75 36-Inch Black Brocade Satin...  
1.75 36-Inch Black Peau de Soie...

**\$2.19 Yd.**

2.75 36-Inch Plaid Satins...  
2.75 40-Inch Black Charmeuse...  
3.50 40-In. Printed Warp Satin Stripes  
2.98 36-Inch Belding's Radimir Stripes...  
3.50 36-Inch Satin Stripe Rookie Silks...  
3.36 36-Inch Plain Colored Rookie Silks...  
3.00 40-Inch Plain Crepe Meteors...  
2.50 40-Inch Colored Chiffon Taffeta...  
2.75 42-Inch Bonnet Black Taffeta...  
3.00 33-Inch Embroidered Tan Pongee  
2.50 36-Inch Belding's Princess Satin...

**\$1.00 Yd.**

32 to 40 Inch Silks, \$1.00 Yard

¶ A wonderful lot of Satin-striped Shirtings, Messelines, Plaid Gros de Londres, striped Taffetas, Wash Silks, black Moires, bordered Marquisettes, Pongees, and so on—Wednesday at...

In the Basement Economy Store—Similar excessive values, in three big groups:

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In the Sale Wednesday at

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¶ So great are the reductions that mothers will surely want to be here on time for early choosing—up to 6-year sizes:

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Offered in the After-Xmas Sale at Wonderfully Low Prices, in 3 Groups:

**\$8.95 \$10.85 \$13.85**

Originally to \$15.00 Originally to \$17.50 Originally to \$25.00

¶ If you know what good Coats are selling for, and how rarely Coats like these are so radically reduced, you won't need urging to bring you here Wednesday. Briefly, these are the styles, fabrics and colors you'll most want to see, at prices you would never expect.

## Women's and Misses' SUITS

Extra Sizes Included—at Two Prices

### \$10 \$14

Originally to \$20.00 Originally to \$27.50

¶ 200 Suits in all, mostly black or blue; poplins, gabardines, serges and broadcloths; tastefully tailored and lined. Very remarkable values at Wednesday's After-Xmas Sale prices.

Women's and Misses' \$19.50 to \$22.50 Serge Dresses... \$13.65  
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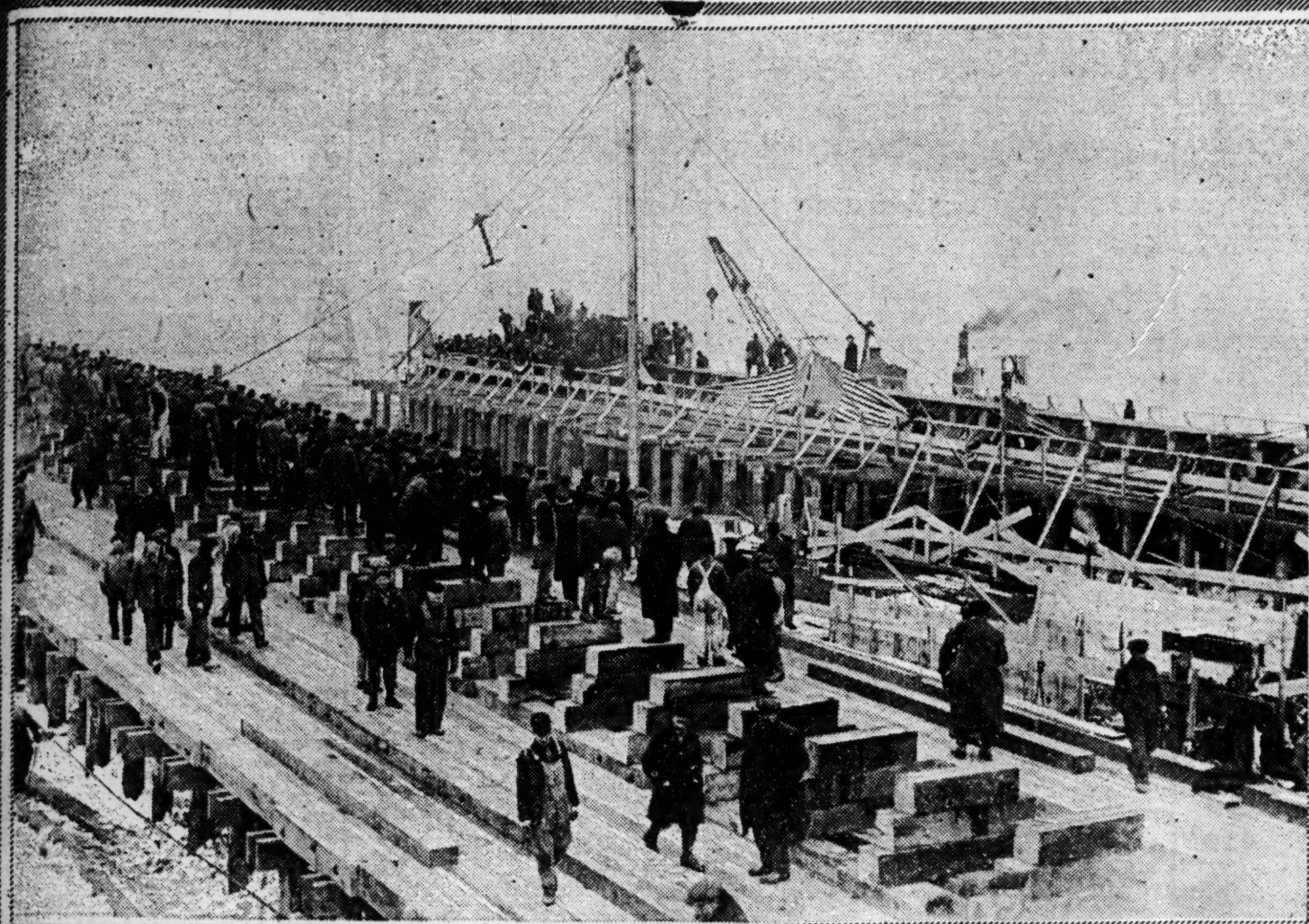
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Women's and Misses' \$5.00 to \$7.50 Wool Skirts... \$3.75  
Women's and Misses' \$5.00 to \$7.50 Silk Skirts... \$3.50  
Women's and Misses' \$5.00 to \$7.50 Skirts (extra sizes)... \$3.65

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Laying the first keel in what will be the world's greatest shipyard near Newark, N.J., where the U.S. Emergency Fleet Corporation will soon have 28 ships building at once. © INTER. FILM.



The Kaiser visiting his ally, the Sultan of Turkey, in Constantinople last summer. © U.S. N.



Arrival of the giant tree which is to be set up in the Coliseum for the Christmas festival provided by readers of the Post-Dispatch.



British surprise attack at Cambrai — Here are British soldiers in Marcoing. The German signs on the wall are interesting.



Two views of the Soldiers and Sailors Club, free to all men in uniform, in the Post-Dispatch Building.



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JOSEPH PULITZER.  
April 10, 1907.

#### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Will the writer of the article, protesting against the high price of coal and failure to reduce it, and against the U. R. service, either call on or communicate with the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

**The Orphan Children of France.**  
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Since I arrived in this country (my twenty-first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean since war began) I have been speaking before clubs, associations, colleges and schools, asking for help for the delicate orphan children in France.

They must have special care if they are to live.  
As my time before sailing is limited and I cannot hope to have the privilege of speaking in your city, will you be kind enough to publish this appeal for funds with which to carry on the preventorium work among the children in the farm colonies that the French are so heroically trying to make self-supporting?

This work is under the special direction of Mlle. de Rose and a group of devoted French women and men.

His eminence Cardinal Amette of Paris and others of equal distinction have given me appealing letters to America.

Any contribution, however small, will be gratefully accepted as soon as it reaches me, and again as soon as the amount can be transferred to France. Every penny goes to the direct relief of suffering, all expenses of collecting and distributing being entirely gratis.

Yours most gratefully,  
**BELLE ARMSTRONG WHITNEY,**  
Treasurer American Committee of the De Roze Oeuvres.  
Holland House, Fifth Avenue, New York.

#### Christmas Greetings From the Front.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Us fellows at the front have little time to ourselves, so we are unable to write individually to our friends as we would in civil life, so please print the following:  
**SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Nov. 23, 1917.**

"My Dear Friends: With the kindness of the editor I am enabled to extend my sincere season's greetings to all of you and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"Even if I am far away from my folks and dear friends, you may trust that on that eventful day my heart and thoughts will be with you. I only trust and pray that ere a year elapses we will have accomplished our ends and the boys will be able to enjoy their Christmas of 1918 at home.

"The boys all join in extending their sincere greetings.  
"Thanking you in advance for your kind favor.  
**SAM S. STODDER,**  
"Company B, Twelfth Engineers (Ry.),  
American Expeditionary Force, in France."

#### Doing Their "Best."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
The street car service, or rather lack of service, is getting to be such an insufferable nuisance that something must be done to abate it. Everybody is suffering and everybody is kicking, but there is no concerted action to compel the company to do at least part of its duty to the public.

Last night it took me from 5:30 to 7:15, an hour and three-quarters, to get from Eleventh and Olive streets to St. Louis and Euclid avenues, over an hour of which time was spent standing in the cold at transfer points.

Speaking of the Cass line, it is a common occurrence in the morning for cars to be filled up when they get to Euclid avenue, and all passengers getting on from there east have to stand all the way downtown. In the evening, from 5 o'clock on, cars are crowded by the time they get to Olive street, and tired workers are again compelled to stand all the way home. This is to say nothing of the inadequate heating, the foul air of overcrowded cars and the discomforts generally all have to submit to. Such is the service during the rush hours. When that is past, cars are laid off and the interval between them is anywhere from 10 minutes to half an hour. For this miserable service the company demands full fare, in other words, it is obtaining money under false pretense.

The Post-Dispatch has already earned the thanks of the community for the splendid work it has done in sidetracking the infamous franchise bill. If it will lend its further influence in devising ways and means to correct some of the abuses mentioned above, the service will surely be appreciated by the public.

#### LAUNCHING OF THE 1000 SHIPS.

One ship has now been completed under contracts made with the Federal Shipping Board. In addition 49 vessels which were being built for private owners, many of them foreigners, and which were seized by the board, have also been completed, adding about 305,000 tons to date to our carrying fleet.

Further contracts made by the board call for a total of 5,517,100 tons of shipping, of which 1,344,900 is wooden tonnage and the rest steel or composite tonnage.

This summary of work done by the Government for offsetting submarine destruction is impressive. Appreciation of the revolution wrought can be gained only by comparison with the scale on which vessel building went on prior to 1917. But these figures are not the most impressive part of the statements made by Chairman E. N. Hurley before the Senate Committee. The larger conception of the importance of the work is obtained from descriptions of what has been done in the way of permanent facilities created for continuing construction in the future.

Of the yards of which the board has availed itself, 58 were in existence at the time the board began operations. Many of them were small repair yards of meager equipment, to which the Government contracts supplied incentive for immediate expansion.

No less than 74 new shipyards have been or are being established for the purpose of executing contracts for the Government. Even the statement that 132 yards are now under contract relations with the Government for turning out tonnage does not enable the magnitude of the full operations to be grasped. Some of the new yards, like the Newark plant near New York and the Hog Island plant near Philadelphia, will have a capacity approximating that of all the yards in the country prior to 1917. It is said that one yard almost ready to begin work will be able to build 50 ships at a time.

The vastness of the accomplishments during the period of greatest railroad development in this country, from about 1870 to 1880, has long been dwelt on as highly illustrative of the national qualities of energy and adequacy to great tasks. The accomplishments of that wonderful period are being eclipsed by the preparations for giving America the lasting paramountcy in ocean transport after the war.

War mementoes everyone should have at home: Liberty Bonds, thrift stamps, a food pledge and a Red Cross membership.

#### RUSSIA'S DEGRADATION.

Trotsky boasts in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the Paris Matin, that "we are sole masters of Russia, and we will do with her what we will." For the time being this is unquestionably true, and what the Bolsheviks are trying to do with Russia is to destroy both society and civilization. As William English Walling explained the Bolshevik program in a letter printed in the New York Times, "Not immediate peace but immediate civil war" is its object. Hence the Lenines and the Trotskys hasten to make peace with the Kaiser in the belief that it would be a means to fulfillment of their fanatical campaign to reduce Russia to anarchy preparatory to reducing the world to anarchy.

It is possible, of course, that the Lenines and the Trotskys are as they seem and that they actually believe that nations can be governed by lunatics for lunatics. But even madmen usually have some method in their madness, and the policies adopted by the Bolshevik regime in Russia are susceptible of a much simpler explanation than that of lunacy. These men were taken to Russia by Germany and they are doing Germany's work. It is the dirtiest work that anybody has done in the war, and men who are capable of doing it so well are capable of understanding the degradation of their conduct.

Russia has been given over to human vermin and the democracies that are battling against Prussian militarism must make the best of it. They at least know the worst. All the damage that can be done has been done. There need be no talk of hostile measures on the part of the allies against the present Russian Government for that is out of the question now. There is nothing to do but wait and see how the Russian people finally solve their own problem.

We ought not to become hostile to Russia until it is demonstrated that the only governing force there is a force that works for treachery and has sold Russia to the German autocracy.

The Socialist press in Germany is denouncing the Bolsheviks as traitors to the Russian revolution, indicating what manner of pariahs have flocked to the standard of Lenine and Trotsky.

#### THE UNSEEING WATCHMAN.

There's a new evil in the land—the watchman evil. Not a new one, exactly, either, but the war has drawn attention to it, as to many other evils, and the Fire Marshals' Association of North America, in convention assembled, has defined it and named it.

The evil is the product of the practice among manufacturers, warehousemen and others of intrusting the protection of their plants at night to superannuated employees who make the rounds of the clock stations, but afford little real protection. The big Baltimore fire is ascribed to the fact that to one watchman was assigned the guarding of a pier 900 feet long containing millions of dollars' worth of war supplies.

General Manager Mallou of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, declares that there are few subjects in fire prevention so important as the abrogation of the time-honored custom of inefficient watchmen. "Watchmen," he says, "should be picked men. They should be intelligent, courageous and physically active. They should be sufficient in number to furnish real protection. They should be armed. They should

receive special training for their important duties and this training should include knowledge of fire alarms, fire prevention and fire protection. They should never be engaged except upon unmistakable evidence of character, and they should be paid the salaries that will command such qualification."

Utilization of superannuated employees as watchmen is usually advocated on the score of philanthropy, but a more worthy philanthropy and a more sensible business policy would be the pensioning of the superannuates and the employment of watchmen who can watch.

#### LLOYD GEORGE INDORSES WILSON.

It is plain from Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons last week that he has no expectation of any peace proposals from Germany which can be regarded as anything but a diplomatic trick for effect at home and upon the treacherous Bolsheviks who have sold out democracy in Russia. The Prime Minister's speech confirmed Mr. Balfour's statement that President Wilson's recent address to Congress presented the war aims of Great Britain. Like the President, the Prime Minister emphatically insists upon security from Germany for the future peace of the world and no such security is forthcoming. Nor can it come while Prussian militarism is triumphant at home, even though it has failed in its gigantic attempt to subjugate the world.

All the allied nations at war with Germany have been undergoing a period of depression since the Russian betrayal and the Italian defeat. Without question the German General Staff in planning the Italian drive was far more deeply concerned about its political effects than its military effects, and for once Berlin guessed right. The military advantages that Germany gained were slight in comparison with the moral advantages both at home and abroad, but it has not been possible for the Imperial Government to capitalize those moral advantages. There is no general elation in Germany as a result of what has happened in Russia and in Italy. Nor are the German people facing a merry Christmas. It is plain enough from the most casual reading of the German newspapers that Vorwaerts did not exaggerate when it said that 99 per cent of the German people want peace. Nothing can greatly arouse their spirits which they do not recognize as an immediate advance toward peace.

This is a state of mind which the German Government has to deal with continually and the time is again approaching when a peace offer is a necessary domestic policy. We may expect it any day, but the one thing for British, French and American alike to remember is that no peace terms submitted by the present German Government are worth the paper upon which they are written. Unless that determination is held to unflinchingly there can be no peace that is more than peace in name.

One shipyard in the East will soon be able to turn out 28 five-thousand-ton vessels every two months and this is only one of many shipyards in this country.

#### A DANGEROUS TENDENCY.

A Sunday magazine writer throws a glamour over the divorce which Mrs. Robert Edeson is attempting to get, so that Edeson may be free to wed another woman. Mrs. Edeson is pictured as one of "the small vanguard of advanced women who have given up their husbands to other women for the happiness of all." She is quoted as saying: "I love my husband, I will always love him. But I will not stand in the way of his happiness." She is 38 years old. The other woman is said to be 24, and Mrs. Edeson is further quoted as saying of this new fancy of her husband's: "She is so pure, so brilliant, so youthful, so loved by him, that my own life has been an image of aches and fears and longing which threatened my mind."

As an occasional incident, this might be dismissed as simply deplorable. But the frequency of such cases indicates a tendency that menaces society. Condoned and copied extensively, it means abrogation of the idea of duty in the marital relation.

It reads interestingly when the action is by handsome young men and charming women, with wealth and education and social standing. But without these concomitants, practiced by the average man and woman, would it not appear to be merely a riot of the emotions and passions? And what of the children? It is manifestly untrue that the easy abandonment of duty and careless breaking of the marriage vows is conducive to their happiness.

The Turks before leaving Jerusalem looted the Holy Sepulchre Church, living up to the best traditions of a German retreat.

#### MAKING ANGLES OF OUR CONVICTS.

A. C. McKibben, Secretary of the State Highway Board, is the Missouriian credited with the idea of utilizing our convicts for increasing the fish supply and reaching a solution of the food problem. Of course we have known all the time what it would do for the reformation of the convict to give him a chance at seasons of the year when they're bitin'. The man who has got up early in morning and dug bait and provided himself with a cane pole and spent the hours of day watching a cork on placid waters is incapable of treachery, felonies, misdemeanors, sinister plots or stratagems of any sort. The unfortunate thing heretofore was that no economic importance attached to the net output. A change in times and conditions having brought a large commercial value to the little ones that count in the basket as well as to the big ones that fail to get away, why should not our penal authorities make a small appropriation for fish hooks and fish lines and let human nature do the rest?

The shores of our rivers and lakelets lined with convicts intently engaged in augmenting materials for the regulation menu of Friday and the new Hooverized menu of Tuesday would be a joyful sight for Missourians and a part of the patriotic planning for making us invincible in the war.

#### A Marble Countenance.

From the Grand Rapids (Mich.) News.  
When Archie Tobias, a farmer, residing south of town, attempted to correct a colt he was driving, the colt planted one of his heels squarely on his nose. Tobias was nearly unconscious from the blow, but his face will not be disfigured.



THE THREE UNWISE MEN.

#### JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH  
by Clark McAdams

##### BETHLEHEM: 1917.

**C**RADLE of Christendom! His natal day  
Dawns in the bloodred glow of tragic  
times:

Close to thy holy place the foemen primes  
His gun for ravage in a deadly fray;  
The battle fog enshrouds each blessed way;  
And each Messiah-scented landmark grimes;  
And, while the distant world thy glory chimes,  
Nearby the clashing hosts slaughter and slay.

O seraph-haunted hamlet, prized afar!  
Though desolation riot at thy door,  
Hell's fiercest fury fails Thy love to mar;  
Thy peace remains our anchor as of yore;  
Still in our hearts glimmers Thy speaking star,  
Still chants Thy song angelic evermore.

JAMES C. McNALLY.

If you love the King's English, don't let Christmas pass without a few sympathetic thoughts for the apostrophe, now homeless, a mere wanderer in the alphabet. A few samples from a bakery on Delmar near Hamilton:

Pie's	Roll's
Anise Cake's	Honey Cake's
A bank sign, Thoreley, Ala.:	
Capital	\$ 0,000
Surplus	0,000
Open for Business.	

Sign on the wall in the Missouri Pacific freight accounting office, Railway Exchange Building:

When you move, go somewhere.  
Don't spend fifteen minutes walking from front door to rear of room. The distance could be made by a good live turtle in fifteen seconds.

Sign at Union Market:

Rabbits Come In

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house

Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse.

However, the mouse was a coward, at that;  
The house did not have an efficiency cat.

The kultur of force had not bitten so deep  
As cats in their mousing—the cat was asleep.

Another time, maybe—when freedom is rent,  
And everything works at a hundred per cent.

When only one rule, which the war will have to prove,  
Shall apply to us all—even under the stove.

'Twas the night before Christmas—uncaring, resigned—  
As far as we may know, the last of its kind.

##### ON THE U. R. FRONT.

Sir: The members of the Maryland Avenue Line Passengers' Protective Entente petition Just a Minute to aid us by giving publicity to our work in making the street cars safe for the bronchial tubes.

The first meeting was held Saturday night at Maryland and Newstead avenues in the garage of David R. Francis, who is in Petrograd using moral suasion on the Bolsheviks, and was therefore unable to protest. In order to make everyone feel at home, as it were, we made a fire in the stove with old rubber overhoes and peat, mixed with United Railways coal, which gave the place a familiar atmosphere.

Only to shut his eyes and take a deep breath the way to the office.

vice president frequently shouted: "Move forward, please," to make the illusion complete.

After some discussion it was decided that the members should each purchase a corn-cob pipe for use on the cars on cold mornings. There was a heated debate on the question of fuel to be used in the pipes, some holding out for cedar bark, another faction insisting on life everlasting, and still a third favoring homegrown twist. A compromise finally was reached when it was decided to burn newspaper clippings of the latest U. R. compromise amendment, which, as the chairman of the executive committee quaintly put it, "Smelled so high heaven."

In order not to work undue hardships on the rest of the community, an appropriation was made for the purchase of gas masks, which will be supplied to men at a nominal rental, ladies free, the proceeds to be given to the Red Cross.

Additional meetings will be subject to call by the chairman from time to time, unless Mr. Francis suddenly returns home.

PAUL Y. ANDERSON,  
Chairman Publicity Com.

##### One of the popular war rhymes about town:

My Tuesdays are meatless,  
My Wednesdays are wheatless—  
I am getting more eatless each day.  
My home it is heatless,  
My bed has grown sheetless—  
They went to the Y. M. C. A.  
The bar rooms are treatless,  
My coffee is sweetless—  
Each day I grow poorer and wiser;  
My stockings are feetless,  
My trousers are seatless—  
My God, but I do hate the Kaiser.

A sign on Biddle street:

Smear Case 5c

Line from a circular announcing a Christmas shooting match at Branson, Mo.:

No guns barred but cannons.

Sir: Where does Dorothy Dix get that stuff about "Juliet climbing over the balcony to her lover?"

Not from Shakespeare, surely.

T. R. has dried up. Good-night!

#### The MIRROR of PUBLIC OPINION

This column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading publicists, newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

##### THE AMERICAN CABINET.

From the Toronto Saturday Night.  
IN one respect President Wilson and the members of his Cabinet are more happily situated than the men trusted with power in any of the other tenente Powers. The New York Evening Post put the case in a nutshell the other day when it said: "When Bryce comes to write again on the comparative advantages of the American system and parliamentary government, he will surely not go with the secure tenure of Cabinet officers in the United States."

A factor in the American Constitution which was a theme of criticism in times of peace has proved a safeguard in times of war. The allusion to Lord Bryce is a reference to his famous book, "The American Commonwealth," in which he pointed out that the written Constitution of the United States was less democratic in its operation than Great Britain's traditional Constitution, which compels Cabinet Ministers to sit in either the upper or lower house, which gives Parliament the power to move a Government by a no-confidence vote. The same criticism is to be found in the late Goldwin Smith's "Political History of the United States." Undoubtedly the British system which also prevails in Canada and the other overseas dominions, is a great deal more flexible in the matter of registering popular sentiment. It has, in fact, been described by an eminent American publicist, ex-Senator Beveridge of Indiana, as "the recall in action" of the American system. It is undoubtedly the American system is more flexible at the present time; and no doubt, it will be so in the future.

President Wilson, by virtue of his office, will stand firm as Plymouth rock, free to devote all his energies to the conduct of the war for the next three years. If he cannot of his Cabinet Ministers fails in efficiency, he can remove him. Congress can do so, if it itself as it pleases. It cannot touch him, long as he does his duty. The business of carrying on Government is not menaced by every self-appointed adviser in or out of the Parliament, with cunning enough to organize popular clamor. It is an ideal system, for war, and perhaps that was the reason why George Washington, who was no Democrat, but a Republican of the Roman sort, favored it. But it all depends on the personal equation. Without a real master in the White House, the position of the United States would be a sorry one at the present time, but with Woodrow Wilson as President, the man and the system form an admirable combination, that may well be envied by other nations at the present juncture.

##### Slacker Office Holders.

From the New York Tribune.  
ONE of the things which Congress ought to lose no time in doing is to remove the immunities which it has granted to Federal, state, county and municipal office holders. These officers now constitute a slacker class in the nation, exempted from good reason from burdens which are imposed on other classes of citizens.

Congress has, in fact, created an aristocracy of office holding, dodging and dodging military service. It has done this, without realizing exactly what it was doing. But in part also the discrimination written into the law have been intentional.

This is no time to perpetuate invidious distinctions between classes of citizens. Congress ought to put all citizens on the same level with respect to military service and war taxation. It should repeal the dodging subterfuge by which its own members have been exempted from military service. Having said that, it should then, in order to make the law effective, it should down the sheltering barriers which it has heedlessly erected about other Federal and all state, county and city office holders.

##### "Solemn-Looking Blokes."

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.  
THE title of Stacy Aumonier's article in the December Century on his impressions of the American troops in France, as given above is not marred by the complimentary; on the contrary, the known author was so deeply moved by the impressive march of the American troops through London that, though he quoted Cookney onlooker to gain a snappy picture of the conclusion of his fine and appropriate of this historic episode, he writes as follows:

"Any news?"  
"I was able to say, 'Yes, the boys are news in the world.'"

"What news?"  
"I could say with all sincerity, 'We have just seen a portent. The world is safe for democracy.'"

For this inspiring thought was the result of the march past him of the serious and unsmiling American troops, whose emotions the English writer said were too small to be expressed in the easy-going way of the singing, chattering and chattering home troops. The tribute fits in well with what all know of American soldier to be, and it is the thing that Miss Kathleen Burke is doing the folks over there now on her return from her American tour. And we all know these tributes are true in the best and noblest sense of the words. Our troops are inspired by a lofty idealism, and know they are fighting for a great cause, which will make the world safe for democracy, let those be recanted who will.

##### TODAY'S BEST ORATION.

Another Moll.  
O you play base.  
"N-no—tha—"  
"Do you play base?"  
"No—no—tha's—"  
"Well, mebbe you are a base player?"  
"I—I work in a—"  
Florida Times-Union.

The Proper Behavior.  
"You're doing it all wrong," Kirby in the New York



THE SANDMAN STORY FOR TONIGHT BY MRS. F. A. WALKER. POTASH AND PERLMUTTER --DISCUSS--

Tim Field Mouse. TIM FIELD MOUSE lived in a big field quite a distance from the farmhouse where Mickey Mouse lived. Mickey would run down the road to the field, and there one day he met Tim Field Mouse.

"Where do you live?" asked Tim. "I live in the farmhouse across the road," answered Mickey. "Oh!" said Tim, in a tone that mainly showed that he pitied Mickey very much.

"We have all sorts of good things to eat," he told Tim. "Cheese and eggs," he said. "What is cheese?" asked Tim. "Oh, don't you know what cheese is?" asked Mickey. "I don't know," answered Tim. "Oh, don't you know what cheese is?" asked Mickey. "I don't know," answered Tim.

"Yes, once," answered Mrs. Field Mouse, "but there was too much danger to try it again."

"I want to taste some cheese, too," said Tim. "Mickey Mouse says there isn't a mouse in the whole world unless it is I that has not tasted cheese. I want to go to the farmhouse and get some cheese."

"You stay away from that farmhouse," said his mother. "There is a big black cat living there, and he has traps there, too."

The next day he was out in the field where the men were carting hay when an idea came to him. He got carried off in a load of hay and I get carried off in a load of hay and I get carried off in a load of hay.

He ran to the edge of the left and looked about. He saw a big black cat and he ran to the edge of the left and looked about. He saw a big black cat and he ran to the edge of the left and looked about.

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS It is Possible for a Man to Love Several Women at the Same Time.

A MAN asks this question: "Do you think it is possible for a man to love a woman with all his heart and soul and at the same time to be strongly attracted to another woman when he is away from the first one?"

The problem of how many women a man can love is one that has broken the hearts of women and bankrupted the mathematics of man, and each sex, in trying to solve it, has arrived at a different answer. Women have never been able to figure out how a man can love but one woman at a time, while every time a man sees a pretty new face he adds another to the census of his loves.

Of course, in the case where a man really does love a woman with all his heart and soul, as my correspondent says, there is only one girl in the world for him and he is blind to the flutter of other skirts and insensible to the fascination of other women, though they charm ever so subtly.

But not one man in a million loves any woman with all his heart and soul. The grand passion is one of the least common of all human experiences. The ability to be a great lover is a talent as rare as a great tenor voice, and the average man is no more capable of loving profoundly, with all his heart and soul, than he is capable of singing like Caruso.

Men fall in love, or they think they do. Something interferes to separate them from their sweetheart, and in a year or two they have forgotten whether the girl they thought they adored was named Julia or Isabelle, or else they marry and their romance wears out before their wedding clothes are worn.

It is this come-easy, go-easy love that is the only heart throb that most men ever know, and this brand of affection comes wholesale. Every man carries an inexhaustible stock of it on tap and is ready to bestow it on any attractive woman who comes his way.

A GREAT passion is a great obsession and the woman who inspires it must fill every need of a man's nature. She must fill his eye with her beauty, so that he is blind to the good looks of other women. She must fill his need for companionship, so that he does not have to turn to some other woman for tenderness and comprehension. She must be all-in-all to him, if she monopolizes him.

Perhaps it is because there are just as few women capable of inspiring a great love as there are few men capable of feeling a great love, that men's hearts have come to be hotels run on the European plan for transient feminine guests instead of homes for just one woman.

Certainly one of the explanations of why a man can really and truly love more than one woman at a time is because he finds in different women different qualities that he seeks. Thus, for instance, it is possible for a man to be deeply and sincerely attached to Mary, a demure, domestic little wife, who rears of the kitchen and babies, and who adores him with the faithful devotion of a dog. He loves her for her faith and loyalty and for his knowledge that

BACHELOR GIRL REFLECTIONS By Helen Rowland.

NOW comes the merry Yuletide, when the children hang up their stockings, mother hangs up the holly and father "hangs up" everybody, from the landlord to the leechman.

A man loses his illusions about women with his baby teeth, his sentiment about them with his top hair and his curiosity about them with his last breath.

The tax on a bachelor's income is not heavy, when he looks at it as "the price of peace."

This is the psychological time of year when the bachelor with an empty hearth and the married man with empty pockets scarcely know whether to envy or to pity each other.

One of the horrors of war—the thought that all our kissable men

she is the one creature in the world that would stand by him to the death. He loves her because she is the very spirit of home and family. He loves her because of the appeal her utter dependence makes on his manhood.

But she is no companion to him. She bores him to extinction with her prattle. In the early days of their marriage he gave up trying to tell her stories even in words of one syllable, so she could understand them, and diagramming jokes so she would see the point. His soul went lonely and hungry until he met Cynthia, who is his soulmate just as Mary is his body mate. He loves Cynthia for her wit and wisdom, for her quick response to his every mood, for her ability to take his half-formed thought and juggle with it and find new meanings in it and new endings to it, for her understanding of the books and plays and pictures and music he loves.

And there's Ethel who is neither domestic as Mary is, nor intelligent as Cynthia is, but who has the face of a flower and the figure of a reed in the wind. He is attracted to her just because she is a thing of beauty.

THAT a man shall be eclectic in his love and lay bits of his heart on the altars of different friends when we desire to worship instead of concentrating his devotion on one seems horrible to us. Yet that is exactly what we do among our friends. We love one friend for one quality, and another for another quality that is perhaps entirely opposite, and we seek these different friends when we desire to gratify our different moods. Moreover, we are sincerely attached to these different friends and neither one could take the other's place.

I am not trying to justify men in having many loves. I am only attempting to explain why they do, and the answer seems to be that it takes a composite lady-love, made up of all feminine charms and virtues, to satisfy a man's ideal; this being the case, one poor, lone, faulty female can hardly expect to be it. If all women were born domestic and devoted, brilliant and beautiful, one might suffice to hold a tickle-masculine fancy. Otherwise it's a job for a bunch.

Women find it hard to realize that a man's heart is built on the double and triple expansion plan, so that he can love several women at the same time, because they, themselves, are concentrationists.

WHEN a woman loves a man he is the whole universe to her. Other men do not exist for her. She does not, like a man, seek in other men the charms and qualities he may not possess. She endows him with them out of her imagination.

Therefore, the woman is torn with jealousy when the man she loves is attracted in even the smallest degree to another woman. She can't understand how he can love her and yet admire other women, how he can love her and like to be seen with Ethel because she is beautiful, or enjoy talking to Cynthia because she is entertaining.

Still less can the woman understand how a man may still love her with the deepest affection of which he is capable and yet now and then, in response to some vagrant impulse, wander into a flirtation or become the victim to some passing attraction of the vampire who lures him through the senses.

Nevertheless, such things are, and that is why no one can tell how many women a man can love at the same time.

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"Well, if we are such big experts on machine guns, we should ought to know a whole lot more about machine guns as Col. Lewis and what does Schlemiel know about machine guns anyway."

Back or Forth. READ forward or backward, it makes no difference to these palindromes.

Madam, I'm Adam. Able was I ere I saw Elba. Name no one man. Red root put up to order. Draw pupil's lip up to order. No, it is opposition. No, it is opposed; art sees trade's opposition.

In Yreka, California, is this baker's sign: Yreka Bakery—Ladies' Home Journal. One of the hardest things a man is called upon to do is to make a sacrifice hit. This is true in baseball and also in human affairs.—Los Angeles Times.

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"WELL, then military experts which writes in the newspapers ain't really experts at all, Mawruss," Abe said. "They're just crickets, like them musical crickets which knows everything there is to know about—we would say, for example, playing on the fiddle, excepting how to play on the fiddle."

"Aber what is the difference between a professional expert and a professional cricket, anyway?" Morris asked.

"A professional expert is a fellow who thinks he knows all about a business, because he tried for years, and he never could make a success of it," Abe replied; "whereas a professional cricket is a fellow who thinks he knows all about a business because he tried for years and he never could even break into it."

"And how could you expect to get from people like that an opinion which ain't on the bias?" Morris concluded.

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When a man is very busy you will usually find him very happy.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

**Liberty Bread Prize Winners**

The following persons have been awarded prizes for submitting the best recipes for Liberty Bread with Seedless Raisins:

1st Prize, \$20.00—Emma Craig, 4040 Delmar bl. St. Louis, Mo.  
2nd Prize, \$10.00—Mrs. C. C. Heron, 730 N. 11th St. East St. Louis, Ill.  
3rd Prize, \$ 5.00—Mrs. Marshall Roy, 4348 S. Compton Av. St. Louis, Mo.

**Winners of the Fifteen Prizes of \$1 Each:**

Mrs. Lee M. Hartwell, 31 East Cedar Av., Webster Groves, Mo.  
Mrs. C. A. Newton, 5322 Page bl., St. Louis, Mo.  
Mrs. Schiller Bell, 4660 Connecticut St., St. Louis, Mo.  
Hazel V. Carter, care of St. Louis Republic, St. Louis, Mo.  
Alfred Beinlich, 1128 Purcell Av., St. Louis, Mo.  
Mary A. Smith, 4420A Laclede Av., St. Louis, Mo.  
Miss Edith Rainey, Purdy, Mo.  
Mrs. A. L. Adamson, 1303 N. 15th St., East St. Louis, Ill.  
Mrs. N. V. Mitchell, Apt. 134-E, Harlan Court, 5451 Delmar bl., St. Louis, Mo.  
Miss Anna Cooney, 3352 Washington bl., St. Louis, Mo.  
Otto H. Rubenack, 2640A Park Av., St. Louis, Mo.  
Mrs. Esther B. Smith, 1112 N. Spring Av., St. Louis, Mo.  
Mrs. Bert Luckie, Montgomery City, Mo.  
Mrs. Hugh Murphy, Waterloo, Ill.  
Mrs. I. Johnson, 2449 Gravois Av., St. Louis, Mo.

The names of the prize winners have been sent to the California Associated Raisin Co., Fresno, California, and they will receive their prizes as soon as the mails can carry the judges' report to California and bring back the checks.

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# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH DAILY RECORD OF MARKETS AND FINANCE

## NEW YORK STOCKS

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STOCKS	Prev. Close	Open	High	Low	Close
Am. Beet Sugar	60	60	60	60	60
Am. Can	34	34	34	34	34
Am. C. & W. 1917	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Am. C. & W. 1918	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
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ST. LOUIS CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

United Railways were active and the point lower at the early session of the Stock Exchange today, trades being made at \$50.50 for \$10,000 worth and that price bid at the close with offers at \$51. The preferred stock was not mentioned.

National Bank of Commerce sold 1 point lower at \$112 and National City common stock lost 1/2 point at \$34. Other shares noted and sold with irregular changes. Bonds, generally, were irregular on the quotations recorded.

Bremen Bank stock was ex. dividend today.

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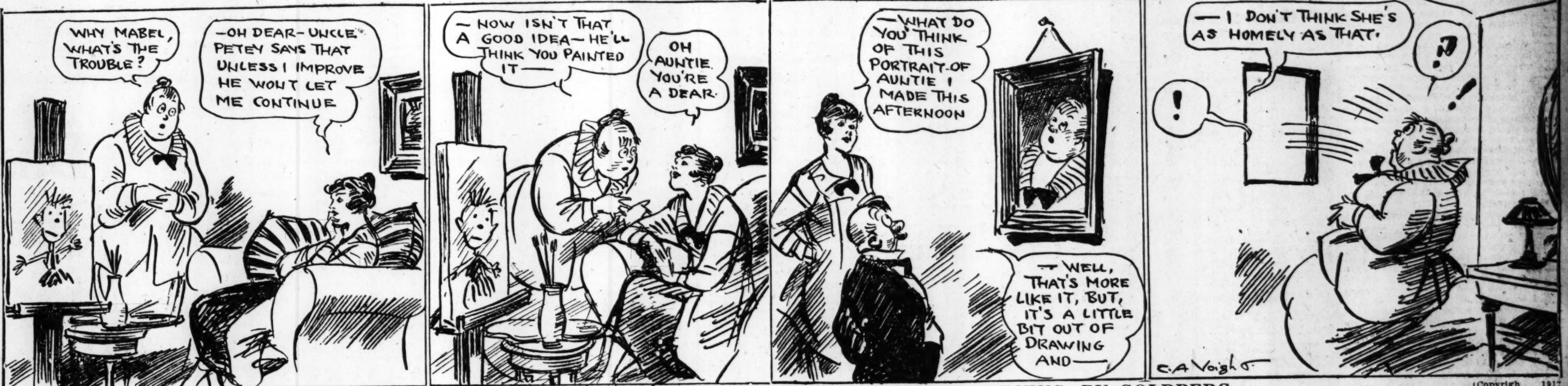
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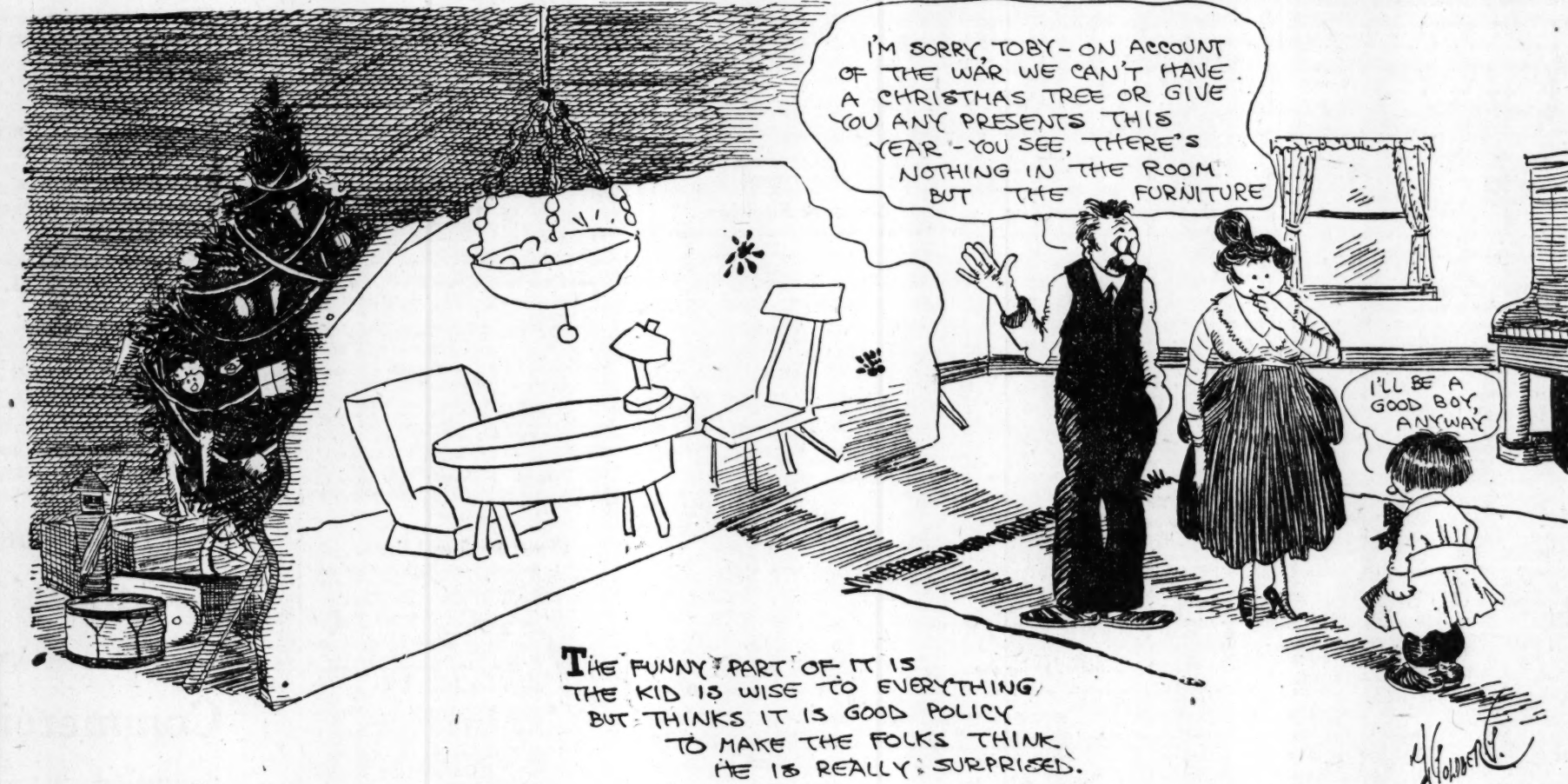
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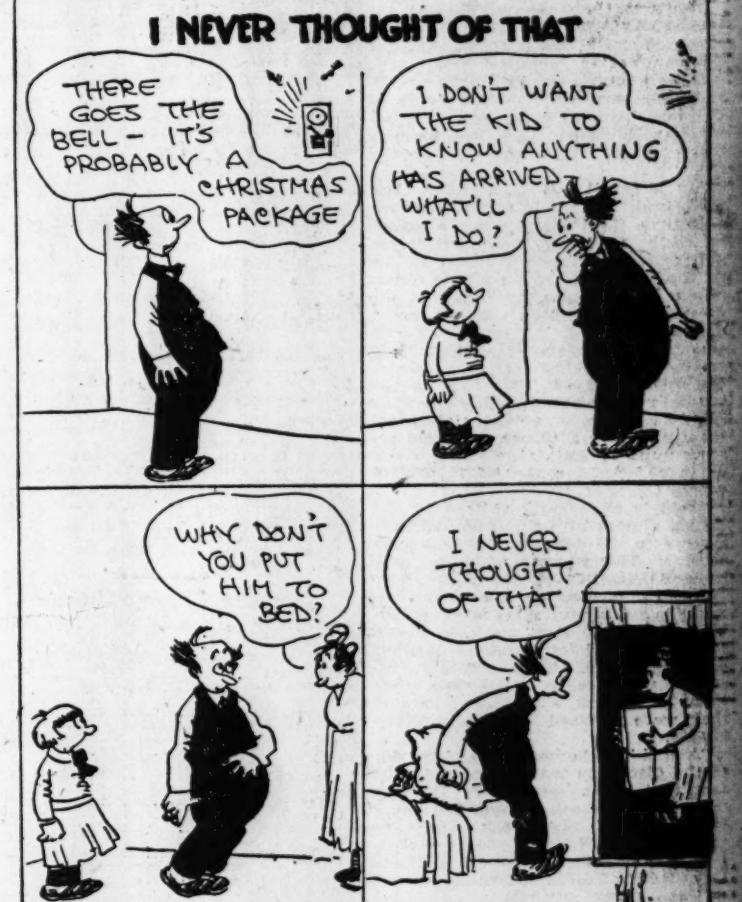
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